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DHS: CW cap at 13,999 for 2015

» Only 1 less worker than 2014 cap of 14,000

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The CNMI's fiscal year 2015 numerical limit on Commonwealth-only workers is 13,999—only one foreign worker less than the 2014 CW cap of 14,000, according to an announcement by U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Charles Johnson.

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Hong Kong-based Honest Profit International Ltd. owner and chief executive officer Sam Chan lead local and visiting dignitaries in a ceremonial shoveling of dirt with Saipan's lagoon in the background to mark the start of construction for a $130-million, 300-room hotel in San Antonio on Saturday.

New $130M hotel on Saipan breaks ground

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Hong Kong-based Honest Profit International Ltd. held a groundbreaking for its $130-million, 300-room hotel in San Antonio on Saturday, marking the start of the first major hotel construction this decade in the CNMI.

Sam Chan, owner and chief executive officer of Honest Profit, said the "5-star" hotel's groundbreaking marks "a new era of investment activity" on the island," which is now lacking hotel rooms to accommodate a growing number of tourists.

Renold Tang, the London-based vice president of Honest Profit, said while they have retained the name "Saipan Resort Hotel" for the project, they are keeping their "options open" because international global brands have approached them.

While Honest Profit hopes to finish the hotel in 18 to 26 months, Chan said there could be factors beyond their control that will push back the completion date to up to 30 months.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said a 300-room hotel can "mean a lot" to the CNMI's tourism industry and the economy,

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$6.05 minimum wage tomorrow

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Most minimum wage earners in the CNMI will see a 50-cent increase in their salary starting tomorrow as required by federal law—from the current $5.55 an hour to $6.05 an hour.

The new minimum wage of $6.05 an hour effective Sept. 30 is almost double the wage set by CNMI law.

The CNMI skipped a 50-cent minimum wage increase last year, and will have another reprieve in 2015. The law mandates the CNMI to increase its minimum wage by 50 cents annu-

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Judge OKs over $22.8M EPA, CUC, CNMI settlement deal

» No receiver, but Engineering and Environmental Management Co. is created
» CUC required to provide $450K in annual funding for oil technical management
» EPA agrees to waive $40M penalties
» No rate increases anticipated

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter approved Friday a settlement agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and the CNMI government that will require the CNMI government to

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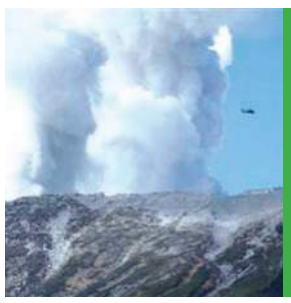

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Incentive rate for large commercial customers OK'd

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After nearly two years, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission approved Friday an experimental rate tariff that is intended to lure large commercial customers to hook up to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. grid.

CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero approved the order that will allow CUC to charge large customers with an experimental—and cheaper—rate for four years.

The new charge was among the rate petitions CUC filed with the CPUC in July last year; it was supposed to be implemented in October 2013. The proposal was snagged by delays in succeeding months and was eventually withdrawn by CUC's new board on April 14, 2014.

Consultants for both CPUC and CUC approved a modified incentive rate proposal on May 28, 2014, after long discussions on the past standby charge for commercial customers.

Both CPUC and CUC agreed to come up with a contract that would help large commercial customers experiment before officially getting into CUC's grid.

The proposed contract was given to CPUC on Aug. 2 and was reviewed by Georgetown Consulting Group. CUC executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* that they met on Sept. 2 to discuss the draft contract. It was then tabled on Sept. 4 for initial comments from large commercial customers. Comments were supposed to be submitted on or before Sept. 23.

During the comment period, DFS Saipan submitted its comments to CPUC, which was then built into the contract with the support of CUC and CUC's consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group.

Contract for commercial customers

The experimental tariff rider incentive rate is now available to large commercial customers locating, expanding, or returning their entire load to CUC's grid and must remain as full CUC customers for a four-year term.

The contract is also open to new participants for a window of four months from the time it is approved.

Commercial customers are qualified for the new rate if they have a generation capacity of 400kW or greater and generating 90 percent or more of their annual electric needs; commercial customers that expand their existing facility that results in an increase in load of 200kW or greater or expand their hotel by 75 rooms or greater; or new commercial customers with electric generation capacity of 400kW or greater.

The four-year incentive rate will provide a reduction of 8.3 cents per kWh from CUC's commercial electric base rate from the date the customer starts purchasing electricity.

The contract's terms of agreement points out that it has to remain four years following the day it was given. One proviso added to the terms of agreement—in response to the comment from DFS—is that if CUC is unable to supply the entire load of the island's applicants, applicants will have the right to terminate

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Nearly 15K Medicaid applicants

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REPORTER

The number of Medicaid clients has climbed to nearly 15,000 individuals in fiscal year 2014.

According to CNMI Department of Public Health's Medicaid Office administrator Helen Sablan, about 14,856 applicants and their dependents applied for Medicaid benefits covering the period from Oct. 1, 2013, to Sept. 24, 2014.

Of this number of applications, only a total of 5,589 were approved.

According to Sablan, majority of the applications submitted are for females over 20 years of age, while the second highest were female applicants below age 1.

Sablan stated that about 3,000 of the applicants are under 1 year old.

Earlier in February, it was reported that about 1,700 applications have been approved.

For fiscal year 2014, the Medicaid program has set the income threshold for a single person at no more than $1,082 per month. For a household of two, the income bracket is $1,623 per month.

For a household of three, the new income bracket is $1,743 per month, while a household of four has an income bracket of $1,863 per month.

Under the government's 2014 eligibility list, the income threshold is for up to households of 20 members.

Under the Medicaid program, members are covered 100 percent for services like dental, eye checkup, medicines, and hospital confinement, unless members have other insurance companies.

"We still have pending applications that are not processed yet and so these numbers will change. So far, we still have expenditures and funding to be spent," Sablan said.

Sablan said there is still no limit to the cost of the services a beneficiary may claim either at the hospital or a clinic for as long as it is medically necessary.

Ex-hostage taker in hot water anew

The U.S. Probation Office has sought to revoke Edwin Pangelinan Blas' supervised release for getting drunk and missing one counseling session. Blas served 180 months in federal prison for his role in the hostage taking of inmates at a prison in Susupe in 1999.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI last week to summon Blas to appear at a hearing and show cause why his supervised release should not be revoked.

Arriola said that Blas admitted to drinking alcohol on two separate occasions, missed a counseling session once, and was arrested last July 3 for criminal mischief.

Arriola disclosed that, according to a police report, a police officer was sent to a residence in San Vicente on July 3 at 10:08am to check on an intoxicated Blas. When the officer arrived, he observed burnt clothing on the ground and damage to the cabinet drawers, as well as scattered clothing in one of the rooms.

The officer questioned Blas' wife but she did not want to talk.

Blas allegedly told the officer that he broke some items in the house because his wife wasn't home. Blas told the officer that he had been drinking alcohol since the other day.

Blas was arrested but was released later that same day.

In August 1999, then U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson sentenced Blas to 180 months in jail for hostage taking and for felon in possession of ammunition.

Blas completed his prison term on July 19, 2013. He arrived on Saipan on July 20, 2013. His five-year supervised release commenced on July 19, 2013.

On April 10, 2014, Blas' supervised release conditions were modified to include that he refrain from the use of all alcoholic beverages.

Police described Blas as "a very dangerous man." Police tagged him as the suspect in the killing of Virginia Dejito Coria in the evening of Oct. 15, 1996. As of last Friday, the Office of the Attorney General has yet to file charges against him.

Before the hostage taking in 1999, the late Chief Justice Miguel Demapan sentenced Blas for several years for trying to rape a Chinese woman. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Ex-Dynasty owner pleads not guilty to 158 charges

Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd., the former owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, has entered a not guilty plea to a superseding indictment that charged the company with 158 charges.

At an arraignment last week, attorney Bruce Berline appeared for Hong Kong Entertainment. Berline informed the court that he had received a copy of the superseding indictment and that he had discussed the document with his client.

Hong Kong Entertainment, through Berline, pleaded not guilty.

Berline asked for a postponement of the jury trial date, currently set for Oct. 27, 2014. Assistant U.S. attorney Marivic David did not object.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter advised Berline and David to discuss postponing the trial date with U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona.

Carter presided over the hearing as Manglona was off-island last week.

The superseding indictment filed in court last Monday, Sept. 22, charged Hong Kong Entertainment with one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report, 155 counts of failure to file currency transaction reports, one count of failure to file a suspicious activity report, and one count of failure to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program.

The original indictment charged Hong Kong Entertainment and then-VIP services manager George Que and then-casino manager Tim Blyth with only 10 charges.

According to the new indictment, Hong Kong Entertainment allowed gamblers at Tinian Dynasty to conduct transactions involving more than $10,000 without filing currency transaction reports, or CTRs, with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, from September 2009 to April 25, 2013.

Tinian Dynasty allegedly failed to file about 3,640 CTRs for cash transactions over $10,000 as required by law. The total dollar amount of reportable currency transactions that were not filed is about $1.38 million.

Que and Blyth had entered into a settlement deal with the U.S. government in exchange for the dismissal of the criminal charges against them. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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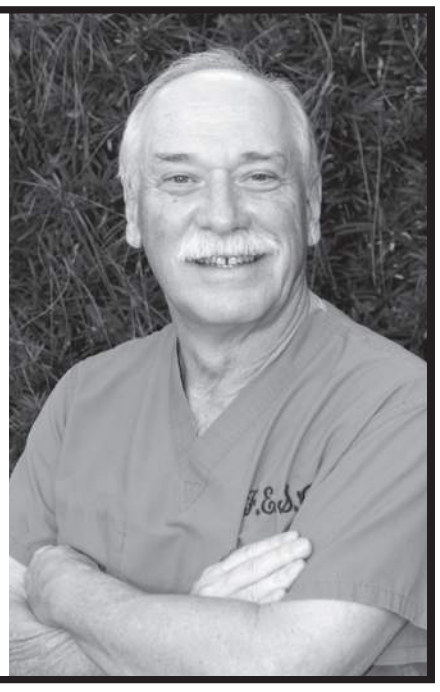
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PSS: Electrical needs a high-priority

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Depending on the availability of funds, the Public School System is set to issue on Oct. 1 a request for proposals for electrical and energy upgrades in its schools in order to meet the goals recommended by the Office of Insular Affairs in its assessment of buildings and classrooms report last year, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan.

OIA, in the report, set a notional five-year window to meet these goals. PSS, according to Sablan, through Board of Education action this year, will focus on electrical improvements first.

"I'd like the Public School System to be the first organization in the CNMI to be [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design]-certified," Sablan said Thursday.

To be certified, a school district must be in compliance with and sensitive to environmental standards such as in energy, among other things, according to her.

PSS' LEED campaign started in 2010 with the implementation of energy conservation measures. Now they hope to "take it the next-level" with certification.

Sablan said the board is already reviewing its "year two" under the five-year grant timeline given by OIA and she feels they are most likely to focus on the "structural" needs of schools.

She said the OIA ABC report indicated that electrical needs were one of the high priorities for facility improvements.

Electrical needs include power distribution, wiring, lighting, safety, and communication systems in the school district.

Sablan also noted the increased of use technology in classrooms as one reason the first phase chose to focus on electrical improvements.

OIA, in its assessment of buildings and classrooms, provided a table for "health and safety concerns" for priority attention.

Under the priority need category of "electrical," PSS was flagged 57 times for "hazardous conditions" in its 18 schools, according to the OIA report.

The second most flagged priority need was "structure," which was flagged 14 times.

Kagman Elementary School, with 11 flagged hazardous conditions, and the then San Vicente Elementary School, with 10 flagged conditions, led the schools.

OIA found that PSS has $10.5 million worth of deferred maintenance, with electrical costs amounting to $1.4 million of that number.

Sablan said that PSS spends over half a million dollars from the CNMI government in maintenance repairs and renovations every year.

The OIA has instructed all insular governors to make available to each of their school districts not less than $1 million in maintenance monies every year, she said.

"We have such a huge investment in buildings. We have to go in and constantly do some repairs and maintenance," Sablan said.

She noted the high number of traffic in and out of classrooms and schools every day for a 10-month period.

"Many of these buildings were built back in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, so we have to do something about the electricity," Sablan said.

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Inos' birthday wish: Better chance at life for everyone

Gov. Eloy S. Inos turned 65 on Friday with a birthday wish that goes beyond "good health" for himself, but also for everyone in the CNMI to "have a better chance to improve their lives."

The governor said an improved economy will help "lift our peoples' lives."

This comes a month after the government approved a Saipan casino license, the development cost of which has gone up from $2 billion to $3.14 billion and then to $7 billion as of last week. Saipan will also see a new $130-million, 300-room hotel in San Antonio, while Tinian will see a $300-million casino resort, along with other major tourism projects.

"I tell you, I think that luck is just coming back to the CNMI people. Look at today's event," he said, referring to Saturday's groundbreaking of a $130-million hotel in San Antonio. "No one would think about something like this two years ago but it is happening."

The governor said the CNMI people should not take these blessings for granted and should "thank the good Lord, thank the people in the community who support these ideals and development, and also thank the folks who are taking the risk to come and invest in our islands."

"The thing is, we should never take for granted these blessings. …There would be few thorns along the way; we can never get everybody to agree on a particular thing. I just hope that we should work together, never let politics go in between and just work for the people, that's all. There's still many people who are still trying to make it. So I just wish that people will continue to be together and work for the common good. That goes to politicians as well," the governor added.

On Friday, the governor administered the oath of office to Gilbert Birnbrich as the CNMI's last appointed attorney general. A few hours later, the staff at the governor's office prepared a birthday lunch for the governor.

The following day was also a busy day for Inos. Prior to attending the 11am Saturday groundbreaking for a $130-million hotel in San Antonio, the governor was at the memorial ceremony for Carolinian Chief Agurubw at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan. Inos also was at the Let's Move Marianas event at the Oleai Sports Complex earlier in the morning that Saturday.

A former Finance secretary and lieutenant governor, Inos' rise to power was unprecedented in CNMI history when his predecessor, Benigno R. Fitial, resigned on Feb. 20, 2013, in the midst of impeachment proceedings against him on charges of corruption, felony, and neglect of duty.

This will be Inos' first time to seek election as governor under the Republican Party, with Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) as his running mate.

Inos' opponents in the gubernatorial race on Nov. 4 include former governor Juan N. Babauta, an independent; former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider, also an independent; and former Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward "Tofila" Deleon Guerrero of the Democratic Party. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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deposit over $22.8 million until 2018 to complete some stalled CUC projects.

Carter's order also requires CUC to fund an annual budget of not less than $450,000 a year during the five-year period after the entry of the order, for the technical manager for oil and associated oil spill prevention, preparedness and response operations.

Carter also created an Engineering and Environmental Management Company that is vested with the power and authority to swiftly complete projects under the stipulated order 2, or SO2. The parties are given 45 days to submit proposed potential EEMCs for court approval.

Under the deal, the U.S. government waives some $40 million in SO2 penalties that have accrued as of Sept. 25, 2014.

SO2 focuses on oil issues such as repairing and replacing infrastructure, managing tanks and pipelines, and spill prevention and response.

Carter praised EPA, CUC, and the CNMI government for coming up with the deal, saying this will "benefit the people of Saipan immensely."

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said Carter's order is a win for the cash-strapped utilities agency as the benefits include avoiding the appointment of a receiver and giving CUC input into the selection, budgeting, and scope of work of the EEMC and SO2 projects.

"In addition, primary funding for SO2 projects now becomes a responsibility of the CNMI government, with CUC's funding responsibilities focused on the technical management of oil funding portion of SO2," Fletcher said.

Under the order, the CNMI shall deposit $5 million by Dec. 31, 2014, into the U.S. District Court for the NMI's court registry.

The CNMI shall also deposit the following amounts into the court's registry:

- $2,800,000 no later than Feb. 1, 2015;
- $5 million no later than Feb. 1, 2016;
- $5 million no later than Feb. 1, 2017; and
- $5 million no later than Feb. 1, 2018.

On the appointment of an EEMC, EPA may identify up to five potential EEMCs; CUC and the CNMI are limited to jointly identifying up to five potential EEMCs.

The EEMC's authority shall not be subject to the review or approval of CUC or the CNMI government and its arms, except as provided in the federal order. The EEMC is responsible to the court. No suit shall be filed by CUC and the CNMI against the EEMC without the court's consent.

The appointment of EEMC shall be for five years unless changed by the court.

CUC currently has about $2.27 million available for SO2 projects. The SO2 projects approved for this funding include the CUC pipeline; tank erection cleanout and testing; secondary containment; and used oil disposal.

In a statement, CUC executive director Fletcher said the most important aspect of the agreement is that there are no rate increases anticipated based on the funding requirements of the order.

Fletcher said CUC's negotiating team was in close contact with CUC board chair David J. Sablan throughout the process.

"CUC notes, that while no settlement agreement is perfect, the order provides huge benefit for CUC, while not increasing utility rates for consumers who struggle daily to make ends meet," Fletcher said.

The negotiating teams worked long hours starting last Sept. 20 to hammer out the agreement.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the new cap comes at an opportune time as a $7-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan, a $300-million casino resort on Tinian, a $130-million hotel resort also on Saipan, and many other major tourism development projects are underway.

The DHS secretary's Friday announcement is set to be published in the Sept. 29, 2014, *Federal Register*.

The new cap meets the immigration federalization law's requirement to reduce the annual CW numerical limitation until it reaches "zero" by the end of the transition period now set for 2019, while giving the CNMI continued access to skilled foreign labor still unmet by the U.S. worker pool.

"To comply with these requirements, meet the CNMI's labor market's needs, provide opportunity for growth, and preserve access to foreign labor, DHS has set the numerical limitation for FY 2015 at 13,199," Johnson said.

DHS arrived at this figure by taking the number of CW-1 nonimmigrant workers needed based on the FY 2014 limitation of 14,000, and then nominally reducing it by one.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the new cap "is virtually unchanged from the FY14 cap of 14,000 and almost 4,000 more than the number who were granted CW status in FY13."

"While investors and developers will be relieved that there will be ample labor available for hotels and other planned projects, we should not lose focus on the continuing need to train U.S. workers," Sablan added.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan and other business leaders have long been seeking a CW cap that's near the current cap or if possible, more than the current numeric limitation given the billion-dollar development projects in the CNMI beyond the end of the transition period in 2019.

In fiscal year 2011, DHS capped the number of CW-1s at 22,417. This went down by only one in fiscal 2012, or 22,416.

In fiscal 2013, the CW numerical limitation went down to 15,000. By fiscal 2014, the cap was pegged at 14,000.

DHS said the fiscal years 2013 and 2014 numerical limitations were based on the actual demonstrated need for foreign workers within the CNMI during fiscal 2012.

The Consolidated Natural Resources Act or the U.S. law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control requires an annual reduction in the number of transitional workers but does not mandate a specific reduction.

"It's essentially a numerical reduction of one from the previous year. That met the statutory requirement that it must be reduced [every year until the end of transition period]," the governor said in an interview at the groundbreaking of Hong Kong-based Honest Profit International Ltd.'s $130-million, 300-room hotel in San Antonio on Saturday.

Inos said the CNMI, however, needs more than 13,999 workers "but it doesn't necessarily mean that they all have to be CW workers."

Besides the CW program, other U.S. immigration programs allow foreign workers to be hired in the CNMI including those under H visas.

The governor said allowing the CW program to continue until 2019 and setting the cap at 13,999 is one way to meet the CNMI's labor needs.

Inos said he had conversations about the CW cap with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Honolulu district director David Gullick.

"We exchanged ideas as to the numbers and so forth, but the final decision rests with USCIS and Homeland Security," the governor added.

The CNMI delegate reiterated that the CNMI must stay focused on training workers.

Citing U.S. Department of Labor data, Sablan said unemployed U.S. workers could fill as many as 20 percent of the available jobs, "if the unemployed had the right skills."

"Our local government has the responsibility for using effectively the $1.5 million it receives each year in CW fees to train U.S. workers. And employers have the responsibility always to hire locals, if they have the skills and are ready to work. U.S. Public Law 110-229 still requires that there be zero CW workers by the end of 2019," Sablan said.

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along with new job opportunities.

"This is a very welcome development," Inos said at the ceremony that was also attended by Cabinet members, lawmakers, and other government officials, along with members of the CNMI business community.

Besides Honest Profit's Chan and Tang, also present were Dominic Lau of Macau and consultant Eric Li of Hong Kong, among other investor partners at the ceremony.

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said the hotel will be built on 40,087 square meters of public lands that Honest Profit leased. The DPL secretary hopes to see the hotel's opening in 18 to 26 months.

The new hotel is located immediately north of Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio. The lease is for 25 years, with an option to extend by 15 years or a total of 40 years.

The groundbreaking comes two months after Honest Profit paid a $100,000 security deposit, a new requirement that DPL imposes among investors eyeing major developments such as hotels and golf courses.

Moreover, the 300-room hotel that Honest Profit will be building goes beyond the minimum 200-room requirement of DPL's request for proposal for the San Antonio property.

Chan, in an interview after the ceremony, said tapping the right workers for the hotel construction will be quite a challenge but he hopes through collaboration with the CNMI government and the private sector, they will be able to meet the need for workers.

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ally until it reaches the federal minimum wage floor of $7.25 an hour.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said getting the increase right has been one of his toughest jobs as the CNMI's representative in Congress.

"Workers tell me they worry that, if wages rise too quickly, they will lose their job or have their hours cut. Employers say they cannot invest in growing their business, when wages go up too fast. But my heart tells me that families need more money to meet their needs," Sablan said.

Sablan has amended federal law twice to stretch out the increase, relying on the U.S. Government Accountability Office's economic analysis.

GAO's March 2014 report says that "the inflation-adjusted earnings of minimum wage workers who retained their jobs and work hours rose… by about 39 percent for the entire period from 2006 to 2012" and "the hourly wage of minimum wage workers increased by more than inflation."

"As long as wages stay ahead of prices and the increases do not cost us jobs, I think we have the right policy in place," Sablan said.

A 50-year old minimum wage earner said her employer has yet to notify her and her fellow employees whether they will be covered by the minimum wage increase tomorrow.

"I'm hoping that I will get a wage increase because prices of goods have been going up and it's hard to catch up," the worker told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. In her 24 years of working on Saipan and on her fourth job, she remains a minimum wage earner.

Some business managers said the CNMI should expect increases in the price of consumer goods and services because employers or businesses will have to cover for the minimum wage increases.

Workers previously reported losing certain privileges such as free housing and transportation to and from work when their employers were required to increase their minimum wage every year.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI, sought a skip in minimum wage increase in 2014 to give employers breathing room, now that they have only recovering from years of economic slump.

That request was granted in a form of legislation that Sablan worked on. The same 2013 law also gave the CNMI control over its 3-mile submerged lands.

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the contract.

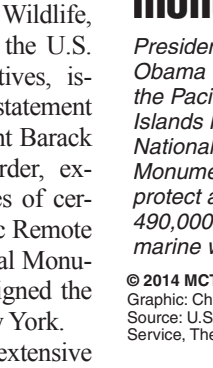
CUC's Fletcher said the purpose of the contract is to offer and attract self-generating businesses back into CUC's system because CUC has a greater reliability today and good operating practices.

"We need the baseload back to be in a better financial situation," he said.

Kilili responds to Pacific Marine Monument expansion

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Oceans, Wildlife, and Insular Affairs in the U.S. House of Representatives, issued the following statement in response to President Barack Obama's executive order, expanding the boundaries of certain areas of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. The President signed the order Thursday in New York.

After receiving extensive public input and comment from stakeholders, the President has kept open the waters most used by commercial fishing, including the areas around Howland Island, Palmyra Atoll, and Kingman Reef. The boundaries of other areas within the Monument, including Wake Island, the Jarvis Islands, and Johnston Atoll, will be expanded out to the limits of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and closed to commercial fishing and other resource extraction, such as deep sea mining. Traditional and recreational uses will be allowed to continue within the new boundaries.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Sablan's statement:

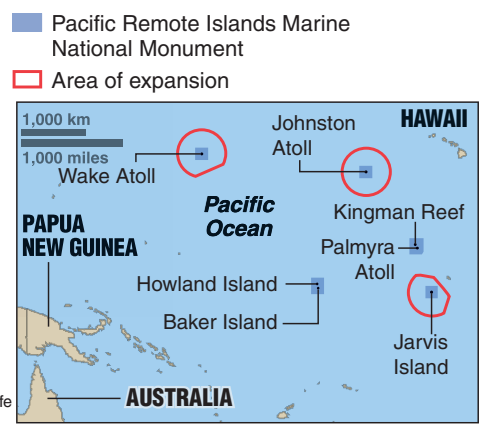
"I applaud President Obama's decision to sign an executive order expanding the boundaries of certain areas of Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument.

"The oceans are a source of life for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands and for islanders throughout the Pacific. Protecting some areas of the Pacific Ocean from modern commercial activities, while allowing traditional uses to continue, protects the culture and heritage of island people. This is a policy already undertaken by the Republic of Palau and the Republic of Kiribati, and it is appropriate for the United States, as a Pacific nation as well, to be a leader in conserving our ocean resources.

"I also applaud the President for the method by which he came to today's decision. He asked for input from the public and received tens of thousands of comments and recommendations. Clearly, by keeping open for commercial fishing the areas most important for operators in Hawaii and American Samoa, the President has demonstrated that he listens and takes into consideration the interests of a wide range of stakeholders.

"I know there was concern in the Northern Marianas that today's executive order might affect the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. But White House officials informed me that there was never an intention to expand the Marianas Trench Monument that former Republican President George Bush negotiated with former governor Benigno Fitial in the final hours of the Bush administration.

"Anyone concerned about future presidential actions to create or enlarge Monuments should be reassured by the way that President Obama has consulted with those who may be affected before taking action. And I certainly hope that future Presidents will use President Obama as a model for the appropriate way to exercise the considerable power that the Antiquities Act gives to our chief executive." ***(Office of the Delegate)***



Jewell applauds Monument expansion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell applauded Thursday President Barack Obama for his action to designate the largest marine reserve in the world to protect the pristine waters from commercial resource extraction including commercial fishing.

The proclamation expands the existing Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, one of the most intact, ecologically sound marine environments in the world, to six times its current size, resulting in 370,000 square nautical miles (490,000 square miles) around these islands and atolls in the south-central Pacific Ocean.

"The President's action protects one of the most spectacular and vulnerable areas on earth," said Jewell. "As our world's oceans come under increasing pressure from climate change, ocean acidification and resource extraction, expanding the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument will further protect these National Wildlife Refuges and their surrounding ecosystems for the benefit of future generations. Today marks another step toward supporting the beauty and balance of our diverse country—from the mountain peaks to the ocean depths—that strengthen our economy and define us as a nation."

The expanded monument will continue to be managed by the departments of the Interior and Commerce through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, respectively. ***(DOI)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC IFB 14-002
NMC Air-Conditioning Project

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and installation of high efficiency air–conditioning units for the As Terlaje Campus.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, September 15, 2014 between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m., As Terlaje Campus, Saipan.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site inspection for interested person, firms and corporation will be held on September 24, 2014 at 9:00am, NMC Procurement Management Office, Bldg L, 2nd floor, conference room.

This procurement is 100% Federally Funded made available from the Office of Insular Affairs, Empowering Insular Communities Program.

In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., October 16, 2014, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950
For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ David J. Attao
Dean of Administration and Resource Development

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CHCC issues alert vs influenza-like illness

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. issued an alert over the weekend about an uptick in the number of cases of flu and influenza-like illness on the island for the last five weeks.

"Obviously we are hitting flu season. We would encourage each of you to be on the lookout for cases of influenza as, if caught early, Tamiflu can be an effective treatment but must be started in the first 24 to 48 hours of onset of symptoms," said Dr. John Doyle.

All persons with influenza-like illness, or ILI, should be instructed to stay home until 24 hours after fever is resolved except for patients that require medical evaluation and care. The signs and symptoms and impact of the flu aren't the same for every person. Typically, they start feeling sick rather suddenly from the flu. They might develop a high fever, aching muscles, sore throat, and a dry cough. They may have symptoms that can include a runny or stuffy nose, fever, headache, and muscle aches. Stomach symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea and are more common in children than adults. For most people, flu symptoms last a few days.

Symptomatic treatment such as Tylenol for fever, increasing fluids and bed rest are helpful.

Do not give aspirin to children with fevers or any febrile type illness as this can make them very ill. For adolescents and adults there are preparations available over the counter to help with symptoms of the flu and these can be helpful in alleviating some of the symptoms. They are not recommended for infants and young children except on the advice of one's physician.

Hand washing and avoiding exposure to others who are ill can greatly decrease the spread of influenza.

To get vaccinated, contact the Immunization office at CHCC's Public Health at 234-8950. ***(CHCC)***

Deliberations in Roberto trial enters 3rd week

The 12 federal jurors are expected to resume their deliberations this morning, Monday, the third week, in the case against Raymond B. Roberto.

With still no verdict yet on Friday, the U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter directed the jurors to continue their 9th day of deliberations today.

The jurors are going to decide whether the 41-year-old Roberto is guilty or not of enticement of a minor to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering.

The jurors, composed of eight men and four women, began deliberating last Sept. 15. The trial began on Aug. 8. Jury selection lasted seven days—said to be the longest so far in the CNMI.

Roberto is a former acting director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Local library association to host fundraiser

The Commonwealth Association of Archives, Libraries and Museums will be hosting a fundraising event on Oct. 17, 2014, at the Pacific Islands Club, 6pm to 9pm. CAALM is a local non-profit library organization composed of members from the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Public School System, and Northern Marianas College.

Funds raised by individual members will go toward defraying the cost of attending the 24th annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums conference on Nov. 10 - 15 in Koror, Palau. Participation in this event will allow CNMI librarians to collaborate and establish networks with colleagues throughout Micronesia.

For tickets or questions regarding the fundraiser, contact Greg Sablan at 237-6798 or gregorio.sablan@marianas.edu, or Erlinda Naputi at 235-7322 or ecnaputi@gmail.com. ***(NMC)***

NMC looks at exit exams

The Northern Marianas College's reliance on exit exams in remediation courses came into question during last week's board meeting.

Regent William Torres said during discussion that students nationwide usually have trouble with math and English courses, and asked whether student competency is still determined by an exit exam or is it in addition to the progress of performance of the student within the semester.

"If students are developing those competencies, test them throughout. Especially in math [courses], when they reach those competencies, they move on to the next level, when they complete those, they move on to the next level," explained NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart.

Hart said she intends to meet with NMC's Academic Program and Services to discuss the concerns further.

She said during discussion that she believed that 40 percent of a class grade in remediation courses came from the exit exam score, which was "much higher" before, according to her.

"We are one of the few institutions that require students [to take] a series of developmental courses depending on where they place," she said.

She emphasized the need to review and look at other options or approaches to remediation that other institutions have taken. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to my beautiful lola, Maria Lourdes H. Berueco! We love you! Love always, Tori.

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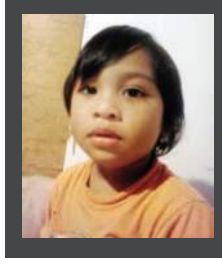

Happy 2nd Birthday to our son, Marleon Junel Pinaula Repeki! May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come. We love you! Greetings coming out from Mommy, Daddy, your brothers Jacob, EJ, and the whole family.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Mortgage Credit Division
  - i. HOME Policies and Procedures

V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/**MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

Search continues for missing swimmer off Tinian

TINIAN—Responders from Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam are searching for a missing swimmer off the northwest coast of Tinian, CNMI.

A statement from the Forager Fury III Public Affairs Office said that the missing swimmer is a Marine temporarily assigned to Tinian. It said the individual was reported missing on Sept. 26, Friday, while wading in heavy surf conditions on the northwestern shore of Tinian.

The individual has yet to be located after an intensive search coordinated by U.S. Coast Guard sector Guam that began Friday evening by the Saipan Department of Public Safety, Tinian DPS, and Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 search and rescue teams.

The identity of the service member is being withheld until 24 hours after the next of kin has been notified.

Responders from Saipan and Tinian DPS, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement, U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, U.S. Air Base Kadena, and U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam continued their search yesterday.

U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Washington* traveled from Guam and arrived to the search area Saturday night and continued the search effort into the early morning hours of Sept. 28. All other resources returned to base shortly before dark.

On the morning of Sept. 28, *Washington* was joined by small boats and surface swimmers from DPS, a small boat from Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement, a helicopter from HSC-25, and a U.S. Navy P-8 aircraft from Kadena Air Base in Japan to assist in the multiagency search being conducted around the island of Tinian. A land search team composed of U.S. Marines and Tinian DPS are searching the north, east, and west coastlines on Tinian.

Sector Guam has expanded its search planning to include the eastern and southern portions of the island after receiving data from deployed data marker buoys giving a more accurate depiction of water currents around the island.

Current weather forecast for Tinian is winds of 15 to 25 knots, waves of three to five feet, and isolated thunderstorms. ***(USCG/FFIIIPAO)***

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MHS' GIVE Club gives hope a continent away

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Marianas High School student Esther Choi is giving hope an ocean way. Choi, a senior at MHS, formed the "Get Involved, Value Everyone" club, or GIVE, in an effort to encourage her peers in school to be a part of the island community by doing something meaningful.

Since March, Choi and club members have raised enough funds to sponsor a 6-year-old girl residing in Africa. The child's father passed away, and her mother earns only $40 a month. GIVE sends $30 a month to the family hoping that it will provide the child with better food, clothing, and living environment.

"My main hope is that the community will perhaps be affected by the club's activities of bringing kindness to people," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

Choi said she founded the club in 2012 and since then has been working hard to earn money with her classmates by conducting fundraising events like beach cleanups every month.

Choi, who is also the lead mathematician of the winning Real World Design Challenge team that will represent the islands later this year, said she has invested much of her time and energy in the club. "I try to manage my time in order to be involved in everything that is important to me."

» Choi asks community for help

GIVE, in an effort to continue its humanitarian activities, is urging members of the community to donate money or goods to the club that will be sent to the African child's home.

"Since it is just a group of students in a school who are trying very hard to send money every month, it is not always easy to raise that amount per month," she explained.

The club has plans in store to increase the number of children that they are sponsoring.

"Any help from the community will be greatly appreciated," she added. "GIVE is a non-profit organization and school club, so all the money we get will go to the children in Africa."

THOMAS MANGLONA II
Members of the GIVE club at Marianas High School pose for a photo after one of their weekly meetings led by senior student and club founder Esther Choi.

MILE CNMI to meet with Kilili

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

The voter awareness group Maximum Impact Leading Excellence, or MILE CNMI, has scheduled a meeting with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) on Oct. 4 at his campaign office on Middle Road, Chalan LauLau, according to the youth group organizer, Irene Tantiado.

In an interview, Tantiado said the biggest issue discussed would be S.744, noting that the group would like to learn more about the bill that pushes for comprehensive immigration reform.

"[Sablan] will explain to us this bill and how he plans to help the CNMI youth as a whole," she said.

According to Tantiado, they have not met and will not meet with Sablan's opponent for U.S. delegate, the Democratic Party's Andrew Salas.

"NO to US Senate Bill 744…NO to improved status" can be read on Salas' campaign website.

Tantiado said the group feels that meeting with Sablan is the "biggest meeting" for them, noting that it was initially organized due to its concern with the status of guest workers and their children.

The group was repeatedly told in meetings with gubernatorial candidates that the local government cannot really help with issues concerning contract workers as the matter is up to federal discretion.

Tantiado described Sablan as someone who is directly involved with these issues, and invited not only the youth but also older voters as well to participate in what may be "rare chance" to talk with their delegate.

"We are all excited about this," she said of their final meeting with candidates for the November election.

She called the meetings the group has had over the last few months "educational."

"The fact that they talked to the candidates, it gets them more excited and eager to be involved in the community," she said.

According to her, MILE has offered to be volunteers at Saipan Chamber of Commerce's upcoming forums with senatorial, delegate, and gubernatorial candidates.

She hopes MILE's activities will encourage the youth to vote.

Indigenous conference to stream live

The first ever Marianas Indigenous Conference, organized by Northern Marianas Descent Corp., will be streamed live online so that those who are unable to attend can watch the event from their homes or wherever they have an Internet connection.

Conference topics include: "The Covenant and Decolonization," "Lessons Learned from Federalization," "Article 12," "Submerged Lands," and "Indigenous Language and Cultural Preservation."

The conference will be held from 7:30pm to 4:30pm on Sept. 29 to Sept 30. To watch the live stream, visit http://www.ustream.tv/channel/cnmi-indigenous-conference-2014. The live streaming is made available with the assistance of the Northern Marianas College's IT Department and IT&E. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its next general membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 11:30am, at the Seaside Hall of Kanoa Resort. Meeting will begin at noon. Guest speakers will be Andrew Bonney, SRVP Planning for Cape Air, and Jim Wolf, Sustainability Director. Bonney is flying out from Boston to address the membership. Luncheon cost for SCC members if $20; non-members pay $30. ***(SCC)***

Marines training at Warning Area 517

The U.S. Marines will conduct training at Warning Area 517 Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 from 9am to noon. The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the area during the times and dates indicated. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprised of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. ***(PR)***

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EDITORIAL

Taking a stand on sitting

The following editorial appeared in the Sacramento Bee *on Saturday, Sept. 20:*

As we sit and write this editorial about sitting, we noted that there is yet another study noting that sitting is bad. Very bad. Like smoking, they say.

And we can't stand smoking. It just doesn't sit well with us.

From where we stand (or sit), we must sit still for another attack on sitting.

We will now take a stand on sitting.

While sitting is often maligned, we are forced in most situations to tolerate it. Many of the great moments in history have involved sitting. Peace conferences are held at tables, sitting down. Astronauts sit in capsules, unless they go for space walks. Great historical figures sit on horses. Great historical figures sit for portraits. Betsy Ross had to sit to make our nation's flag. The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were written by guys sitting at writing desks. And so on.

Romance is often conducted while sitting at candlelit tables, or sitting in the moonlight, and, yes, sitting on loveseats.

We tell our dog he's a good boy if he sits, and then we give him a treat.

Sports are an exception. People sit in stands. But the athletes almost always stand, or grandstand. If a sporting event is popular, you might be forced to watch in standing-room-only sections, which is bad.

Songwriters use sitting in their music all the time. "Walk right in. Sit right down. Baby, let your hair hang down." "Sittin' on the dock of the bay." "I'm going to sit right down and write myself a letter."

Or an editorial.

Sitting is a cerebral pursuit, or even an avoidance mechanism. "Let me sit on this and think about it."

What to do about sitting, anyway? Sadly, a lot of us are tethered to chairs, in front of computers. Of course, we could stand, or get one of those office desk treadmills. Nordic Trak offers one for $1,999. It would take a lot of sitting time at the desk to afford one of those.

When we were a rural, agrarian society, we stood. A lot. Our backs ached. Our knees hurt. We had to bale hay, rope cattle, pick crops and performed other jobs that made us want to sit down, because it's relaxing. No one ever said, "Stand up. Put a load on."

Having examined the relative merits of sitting, which is bad for your health, and standing, which is tiring, what are our options? You should get up during our workday and walk. When you get home, take brisk 30-minute walks at least three times a week. Whew! Now sit down. You've earned it.

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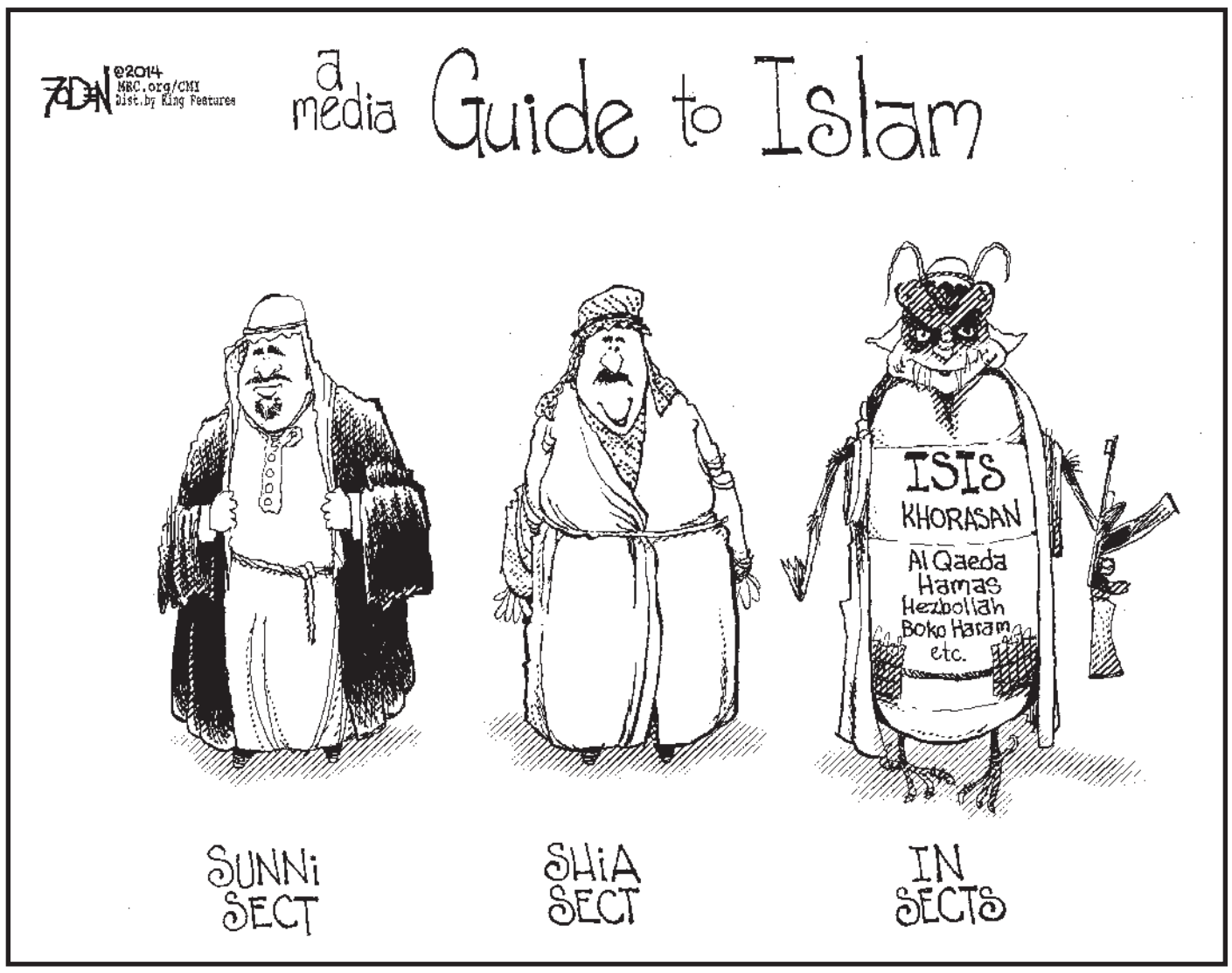

The power of Babel

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jaime Vergara previously taught at SVES in the CNMI. A peripatetic pedagogue, he last taught in China but makes Honolulu, Shenyang, and Saipan home. He can be reached at pinoypanda2031@aol.com.

At the neighborhood bar where I hang out on weekends to be available to those who wish to practice their *englisCHe*, I often run into foreign students who come to improve their Chinese and imbibe the "cocktail" ambience. I engage them in conversation hoping to convince them to reciprocate to their counterparts by enticing them to practice their English, too.

I met a couple of Jamaicans. One grew up in Nigeria. His father was from Cameroon. They were happy to meet someone who knew where the Blue Mountains were, and conversant of the difference between Yoruba and Hausa.

Last week, I recognized an Indo-Aryan from the Indus Valley, so I asked where he was from. Sure enough, his Mom is Indian and his Dad, Pakistani. "But I had only been to India once, never to Pakistan," he claimed. "I was born in Nigeria near Abuja and grew up in Zimbabwe's Harare," he added. I went beyond my hourlong normal stay in the bar conversing with the dude about South Asians scattered around the world by the British Empire!

All the foreigners were multilingual. John McWhorter wrote *The Power of Babel* on languages, which I have yet to read (a copy sits in SF for me), but I do have a copy of David Crystal's *Encyclopedia of Language, 3rd Edition.* I keep an eye on language as a cross-culture tool.

McWhorter claims there are more than 6,000 living languages spoken across the planet, and Crystal lists 1,000 of them (of those spoken by more than 100,000). I am not versed enough on the main thrust of linguistics to line up one side or the other on MIT Noam Chomsky's notion that "we possess a neural mechanism calibrated to produce basic sentences" but the Fula language of Africa recognizes 16 genders and a tongue in Australia has only three verbs, so languages do not develop out toward rational evolutionary lines. It is, nevertheless, comforting to know that 95 percent of the world speaks one of the top 20 of the 6,000-some planetary gab.

Our concern is a bit more mundane. Or, more poetic if we recall Juliet saying to Romeo from Shakespeare's pen: "What's in a name? That which we call *a rose by any other name* would smell as sweet." That oft-quoted line is now contradicted by research that shows humans do have a preference on letters and phonemes, preferring that which is closest to their name, or, as in the case of the Sino cultures, that which sounds like something desirable like "happiness" and "long life.

The biblical tower of Babel *(babel*, Hebrew verb "to confuse") downsized humanity's arrogance in building itself a stairway to heaven. Providence saw it wise to confuse unilingual humanity into a multi-linguistic cacophony. McWhorter turns the classic condemnation of *Babel* as a symbol of human pride into a celebration of humanity's life force. Worldwide language developed in many directions. McWhorter uses Creoles as markers. (Louisiana's creole, to me, subjugated French out of its flower-scented Frenchy-ness in its cultural imperialism over its colony!)

France suggests that instead of calling ISIL the *Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant,* we could use the Arabic *al-Dawla al-Islamiya al-Iraq al-Sham* in its loose acronym, *Daesh!* Acronyms are rare in the Arabic world with the exception of Palestine's Hamas *(Harakat al-Muqawamah al-'iSlamiyya)*, but *Da'esh* is commonly used by anti-IS forces loyal to Syria's al-Assad to counter rebels and eliminate reference to the words *Islamic* and *State,* inculcate defiance and disrespect through the negative undertones of Arabic words *(daes,* one who crushes something underfoot, or, *dahes,* one who sows discord).

We know what happens to dreaded names in the long run. They get domesticated and appropriated so that "Niggah" on the Westside of Chicago is now an address of endearment rather than the pejorative it was originally coined to be. *Da'esh* I am sure will find the same fate, in the same way as the f-word and *sh*t* are now tamed for home consumption.

Still, words cut deeper than bullets, and there might be wisdom in staying at the level of rhetorical confrontations rather than revving up those tanks straight from Moscow to Crimea via Kiev, a practice Ukraine was familiar with in the days of Khrushchev, now recklessly bandied about by Vladimir when he feels folksy!

It was a long way from the tower of Babylon to the power of Babel and though we might have finally learned our lesson on the strength of powwow, it may have come too late. We are now told that the isotopes out of Fukushima reactor deliberately made isodopes out of all of us. The radioactivity is more toxic than reported, dude, so be prepared to radically evolve!

Mr. Obama was one out of three who voted against the Iraq War in the U.S. Congress, but is now gung-ho to wipe out the IS not only in Iraq but also in Syria without al-Assad's permission. At least, that's true at the talk level. So, let's just keep talking a bit longer. That way, the "power" of Babel does not get confused with the "powder." Cute, *neh*?

Wikipedia grows up on college campuses

By BRUCE MAIMAN
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

A trusted bromide in academia is that you become a better student when you become a teacher. Something like that is happening at Wikipedia.

The Internet encyclopedia has grown explosively since its creation in 2001, but it quickly earned a reputation as a Petri dish for misinformation.

That's changing. Gradually and informally, educators who repeatedly warned students to avoid Wikipedia like the plague began making it part of their course curriculum, assigning students to contribute content, either by writing original Wikipedia articles or editing existing ones.

"Many of those faculty had been Wikipedia contributors themselves," LiAnna Davis of the Wiki Education Foundation tells me. But as the trend continued and grew, "we wanted to see what would happen if we made it into a formal program."

Since the program's launch in 2010, nearly 10,000 students in some 500 classes have contributed 44,000 printed pages of content, editing thousands of existing articles and creating 1,900 new ones, all of it overseen by academics while students get credit. Participating schools run the gamut from Ivy League to community college. The California contingent includes Berkeley, Davis and San Francisco, the California Maritime Academy and Pomona College.

What do students think? "They're initially a little nervous never having done anything like that but once they get going, they love it," said Diana Strassmann, a Rice University professor and chairwoman of the Wiki Education Foundation board who regularly assigns her students to write or edit Wikipedia articles.

Many students take the experience further. Berkeley graduate Kevin Gorman is the school's new Wikipedian in residence. Some 50 cultural institutions—libraries, museums and archives—employ such staffers, but Gorman is the first at an undergraduate university. He is working on the release of content from campus archives, libraries and museums to broaden public access. The 24-year-old Wiki-aficionado coaches students and advises faculty on editing and generating articles on subjects including men's rights, wild mushrooms and the Latina activist group Mothers of East Los Angeles.

Racial and gender diversity in authorship is also important. While Wikipedia's editors are 90 percent male, 61 percent of education program participants are women, and that's shifting the content from pop culture and so-called STEM topics—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—to social sciences and the humanities.

Tighe Flanagan was part of the foundation's pilot program in 2010 while a student at Georgetown University. "It made me nervous because I knew it wasn't just my professor who'd be reading my paper, it was potentially anyone, but there are quite a lot of topics with room for improvement," he said.

Now, Flanagan works for the foundation in its effort to support similar Wikipedia education programs in the Arab world, including in Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

No one I spoke to views Wikipedia as a primary source; it's a starting point for research. But as education moves increasingly into the digital world, this is a terrific idea, particularly for its unintended benefits.

Knowing your contribution could be read by "potentially anyone"—500 million worldwide access Wikipedia every month—you write better and feel a greater responsibility to accuracy.

"That's what we see in all the student interviews we do at the end of a school term," Davis said.

An even more critical benefit—having your ideas scrutinized and challenged. Students used to sustaining arguments for one professor's grade must adapt to Wikipedia's consensus model, where any article can be vetted by any of the roughly 80,000 people who make up the site's community of editors and fact-checkers.

"Students are recognizing the value of peer review," said Michele Van Hoeck, a professor at California Maritime Academy. "One student was thrilled that someone else on Wikipedia had edited his work. You'd think a person might feel that was a negative, but to him it was really exciting his idea was continuing, that someone read it and made it better."

What a great lesson: It's OK to be wrong; it's OK to be corrected; it's OK when someone adds a perspective you hadn't considered. Our nation's corrosive public discourse could use a healthy dose of that.

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A boomer's advice for millennials

By JOHN MCCARRON
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

OK, so we're leaving you with a few bills to pay.

But as we baby boomers hit retirement, keep in mind you millennials also have thrown us some curveballs. So before we fade away, here's some advice on how to live better lives.

Oh, you can ignore us if you like. We're used to it. It's not true we boomers always get our way, though we had a good run early on—what with the pill, various recreational stimulants and rock music. Now we're taking Viagra, doing Metamucil and listening to so much "classic" rock you've been forced to buy yours from iTunes.

Here, then, based on recent events, are some admissions and suggestions:

KEEP CHANGING YOUR DIET

The postwar generation did you no favors by supercharging the food supply with high-fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated fats and highly processed carbs. Last week the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the average waistline of adult Americans has swollen to 38.8 inches. More than half of us—54.2 percent to be exact—now "suffer" from what the CDC calls "abdominal obesity."

BEWARE OF LABOR-SAVING DEVICES

Yeah, we invented the TV remote—or at least the engineers at Zenith did. Like our bad diets, this also had a profound effect on waistlines. Long before the time-shifting magic of the VCR and TiVo, we perfected the art of watching more than one program without leaving the couch.

Only now your generation is whizzing past desktop PCs and smartphones into what's being called "the Internet of things." Which is to say, you're about to get remote control of everything in your lives, from setting your room temperature to driving your car. Beware of this, my children. There's a reason that all sci-fi creatures from outer space have big heads and hardly any arms or legs.

STUDY HISTORY

This comes to mind following President Barack Obama's announcement that our military is being ordered back into action in Iraq and Syria. I've got no sympathy, mind you, for Muslim fanatics out to kill or convert "infidels." Especially ones who make a big show of beheading journalists and aid workers.

But we came of age during Vietnam, so a lot of us boomers are leery when such outrages are cited as reasons to help bring "freedom and democracy" to societies that have no experience with either. For reference, Wiki the Gulf of Tonkin incident of 1964. Or more recently, the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction canard of 2003.

Lesson learned? No matter the pretext, bombing and strafing will not clear a path to peace and prosperity, not for societies still mired in tribalism, sectarianism and autocracy. Political pluralism takes time. Next year will be the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. You can look it up.

OCCASIONALLY REMOVE YOUR EARBUDS AND MAKE EYE CONTACT

The most worrisome trait of our millennial offspring is your preoccupation with digital communication devices. So while it's OK to text your buddies (when not driving) or "friend" your digital contacts, save some cognitive awareness for the people, places and things that surround you. Nod to strangers on the sidewalk. Smell the flowers. Most of all, say something—anything—to your grandparents!

Oh, and one more thing.

MAKE NO PROMISES YOU DON'T INTEND TO KEEP

We boomers promised ourselves generous Social Security retirement checks and Medicare benefits. We promised an even better deal to government employees. Only now, the way the global economy is evolving, we don't have the revenue streams capable of financing those benefits.

So this last memo to millennials: Find the political will, like we didn't, to raise revenues, limit benefits and rationalize medical spending.

Meantime, get to work and keep paying into our trust funds.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you!

On behalf of the US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter (CNMI and Guam), I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to those who have helped, supported, assisted, and collaborated in the success of the following events:

A. Commemoration of the 13th anniversary of 9/11 on Sept. 11,2014: former senator Ray N. Yumul, attorney Loida Nicolas Lewis, Jess Yumul/YCO Corp., Rev. Father Romil Aperocho, Rev. Father Rey Rosal, Ronald Lamkin, Barny's Pizza, Jimmy and Carmela Ham, Vhel of Barny's Pizza, Nhitz Manalo of Payless Supermarket, Jane Madarang of Pacifica Insurance, El Shaddai Charismatic Group on Saipan, Beng Tanghal, Lucy Torres Reyes, Jovy Brondo, Minda Domingo, Cora San Gabriel, Nini Bigalbal, Raul Brondo, Alito Canezal, Rolando Olais, Reynaldo Gozon, El Shaddai Youth Choir, Abby Brondo, *Marianas Variety*, Zaldy Dandan, Junhan Todino, *Saipan Tribune*, Jayvee Vallejera, Mike Valencia, KWAW Radio, Leo Ganacias, Director Eli Cabrera, Division of Parks and Recreation, USP4GG Marianas chapter volunteers and members, members of the Saipan community, and to everyone who supported in one way or the other.

B. Free Health Screening on Sept.14, 2014, during the 20th Anniversary of El Shaddai Charismatic Group on Saipan: San Antonio Parish Church, El Shaddai Charismatic Group Saipan, Rev. Father Romil Aperocho, Ronald P. Lamkin, Jess Yumul/YCO Corp., Nhitz Manalo of Payless Supermarket, Jane Madarang of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Lucy Torres Reyes, Jovy Brondo, Cora San Gabriel, Bogs and Sister Beng Tanghal, Alito Canezal, Minda Domingo, Shana Medrano, volunteer nurse from Marianas Medical Center, Donna Carino, Nini Bigalbal, Rommel Mostales, *Marianas Variety*, Zaldy Dandan, Junhan Todino, Mike Valencia, KWAW FM Radio, Leo Ganacias, Rose Magofna, USP4GG Marianas chapter members and volunteers, parishioners of San Antonio Church, members of the Saipan community, and to everyone who supported in one way or the other.

Thank you very much, *maraming salamat po* and *si yu'us ma'ase!*

Dr. Celia B. Lamkin
Chairperson, US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter (CNMI and Guam)

LITERARY NOOK

ten years ago today

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

well the last three days of September are here
October honors saints and souls of the dead
lets see what the last headlines of September said
as the autumnal month of October draws near

09/28/2004

No. Korean minister says danger of war " is snowballing"
their threat to use nuclear arms is truly appalling
No. Korea says So. Korea's nuke experiments are a " big stumbling block"
that No. Korea may have thousands of nukes is really a shock

09/29/2004

kidnappers released two Italian female workers and five others
bringing relief to their families, fathers, brothers, sisters, and mothers
more than 140 foreigners in Iraq have been kidnapped to this day
at least 26 have been killed including two Americans newspapers say

09/30/2004

well readers i'm stopping the rhyme
will try again some other time
for now guess i've had enough
of all this sad and bad news stuff

Sources for the news headlines reported in this month long series of daily quatrains were major network websites, online newspapers including the *Mainichi Shimbun* in Japan, the International version of the *Herald Tribune* and daily copies of the *Saipan Tribune* AP articles. Nature dealt the CNMI some heavy blows from August to October 2004. We got hit by three major typhoons and other typhoons to a lesser degree. Power at my house in Koblerville was out for days at a time, then on and off sporadically. TV cable service was out for six weeks. I got depressed from all the bad weather news stories, the increasing carnage in Iraq, and the horror of hundreds of school children killed in the hostage crisis in Beslan, Ossetia (near Russia). Have you forgotten that news story already? Who would want to remember such a tragic news story? It was just too painful to search for rhymes about death, destruction and other tragedies, whether natural or man-made. I enjoy writing doggerel and humorous poetry. So I went back to that. More to come.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. North winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼75°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

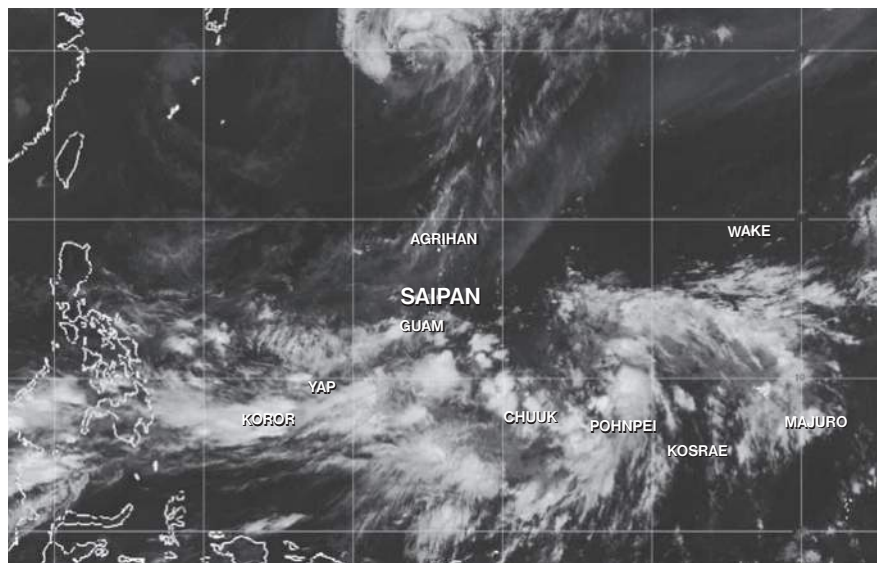
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲62	▼48
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89	▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼76
London	Cloudy	▲71	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲88	▼75
Melbourne	Rain	▲70	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼77
New York	Cloudy	▲79	▼63
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼61
Paris	Showers	▲72	▼58
Pusan	Windy	▲73	▼60
Rome	Sunny	▲80	▼60
Salem	Showers	▲66	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼60
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼54
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼64
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲76	▼62

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A broad area of broken to overcast cloud layers roughly 450 miles across with embedded showers and thunderstorms was centered along a line from 09N130E 09N144E 04N153E 12N161E 11N170E. The deep convection in this area is associated with relatively strong westerlies to the south of a developing monsoon trough. A tropical disturbance was about 250 miles north of Pohnpei at 12:30pm CHST and moving toward the NW at about 16 mph. A few ragged bands of deep convection/showers and thunderstorms/within about 150-180 miles of the center remain disorganized and the low level cloud center is still partially exposed. The Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert for this feature has been cancelled, but there remains a medium chance for development according to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Satellite cloud motion vectors indicated weak low level ridging extending from 25N162E 18N150E. This was associated with a broad zone of generally fair weather and few showers north of 17N and east of 151E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
12:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
11:13 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:08 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:03 AM	9:48 PM
Tuesday	10:58 AM	10:41 PM
Wednesday	11:53 AM	11:36 PM
Thursday	12:48 PM	
Friday	1:41 PM	12:35 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	4:00am	8:00am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via Guam
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:20pm	Daily via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via Guam
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UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
PR110/UA5041	7:35am	6:35pm	1,5 via Guam
PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via Guam
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:20pm	1, 5 via Guam
DL172/288	7:55am	1:30am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	1 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:35pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5043	11:30pm	10:20pm+1	5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ750/603	1:40am	2:20pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 6 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:35pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:20pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

CNMI's PrepareAthon:

SAFETY SATURDAY

October 4, 2014

SATURDAY 8 AM—6 PM

Garapan Fishing Base

Crisis Management Strike Team

Saipan RESIDENTS are invited to come together on October 4, 2014 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM to take part and learn!

The rest of the United States also participates similarly in the Great ShakeOut! Participating is a great way for your family or organization to become better prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes.

Why is it important to come to the"Safety Saturday" event? You may only have seconds to react if a disaster strikes our island. Practicing helps you be ready to react.

We recommend that you, your school or organization, and our community review and update plans, supplies, and secure your space in order to prevent damage and injuries.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE! Individuals, families, schools, government agencies, businesses and other organizations are invited to come, learn, and enjoy the festivities.

As a SAFETY SATURDAY participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Self evaluate and validate evacuation plans
- Participate in trainings and demonstrations.
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

Who will be there?

Homeland Security and Emergency Management, in collaboration with CHCC, BECQ, CUC, and CPA will have the following events:

- **Flu Vaccination Shots**
- **MMR Shots**
- **AccuCheck Blood Sugar**
- **Blood Pressure Checks**
- **H.O.M.E. Visiting Program**
- **CERT Fire Extinguisher Demonstration**
- **K-9 Explosive/Drug Unit**
- **DPS Fire Demonstrations**
- **DPS Child Car Seat Demonstration**

⇒ **Come and Participate! Raffle Drawings will take place throughout the day! Register & Enter in a chance to win various prizes and giveaways!**

Get Prepared for Earthquakes & Tsunamis:

- **Create a personal disaster plan.**
- **Exercise your evacuation plan.**
- **Organize or refresh your emergency supply kits.**

Club 200 tickets still being sold

» Two more donations added to Red Cross Club 200

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2013
Pay to the Order of AMERICAN RED CROSS - NMI CHAPTER $15,000.00
----- Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 ----- DOLLARS
For CLUB 200 GALA DINNER

JAYSON CAMACHO

Bank of Guam's vice president and CNMI regional manager Marcie Tomokane, center, presents a check for $15,000 to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter. Also seen in the photo are ARC executive director John Hirsh, back row, far left, and other ARC officials.

By JAYSON CAMACHO
jayson_camacho@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter's annual signature fundraiser, Club 200, is still selling tickets to interested attendees.

ARC-NMI executive director John Hirsh is encouraging everyone to go out and buy the tickets.

Club 200 will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 6pm to 10pm, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

Tickets are being sold for $200. According to Hirsh, every ticket has two number tickets on them. Anyone who is interested in buying a ticket for just one person may do so at $100.

"So anyone can buy the ticket at $200 and it has a little tear-off sign in the center of the ticket and it can be given to a friend," Hirsh said.

This year's Club 200 will have a Hawaiian theme, so performances and food would all be Hawaiian.

Club 200 will also feature a special appearance by Spawnbreezie.

Donations

Bank of Guam and Delta Airlines have been added to Club 200's list of sponsors.

Bank of Guam donated a whopping $15,000 in cash and a ceremonial check was presented to ARC officials at the bank's Garapan branch.

"This is the largest donation we have gotten this year and we are very excited about it. It couldn't come from a more dedicated donor, which is BoG. They have been there for us for over 25 years supporting the ARC," Hirsh said.

He said that BoG has not only donated for Club 200 but also for their annual walkathons.

Hirsh said the $15,000 won't be used for the grand prize but to support the chapter's operations on CNMI in helping victims of disasters.

BoG vice president and CNMI regional manager Marcie Tomokane said that ARC-NMI is one of the various organizations that benefit the community so the bank is always active in donating to them and other nonprofit organizations.

According to Tomokane, BoG had donated $25,000 and $20,000 to ARC in the past but they changed it to $15,000 in recent years.

"We commend ARC for their service in aiding families and we support what they do. We can always prepare for disasters but when disasters come, there is always an emotional stress that comes with it and ARC is there to help," Tomokane said.

Delta Air Lines donated a total of $10,000 plus two economy class tickets to the U.S, two economy class trip to Japan, and $2,000 in travel credit vouchers.

Delta area manager Chris Concepcion said that they have always donated to ARC and they will try to continue to sup-

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2014-CDA-11-ITB

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 TIME: 10:00 am

"JANITORIAL and LAWN CARE SERVICE FOR CDA"

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 2nd Floor CDA Bldg. in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- ALEXANDER A. SABLAN and NORMA MAE S. SABLAN, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0421 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 3, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 379, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 09 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1906, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 5th day of September, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments[1]

III. Reports
a. Chair's Report
b. Executive Director's Report

IV. New Business
a. Request to continue hearing in TCGCC proceeding No. 14-003

V. Executive Session[2]

VI. Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters

VII. Adjournment

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the CNMI Water Task Force to construct a waterline in the Lower Base area on the island of Saipan in the CNMI. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project is a replacement of the existing waterline including replacement of valves, hydrants and other appurtenances. The project will be located along the public roadways in the Lower Base area between Chalan Pale Arnold Road and the ocean and from Industrial Drive at the south of the project area to Sisonyan Drive at the north. Project information is available for review at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill Saipan or phone 670-664-2274.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project please provide it in writing to:

Regional Environmental Officer
Economic Development Administration
915 Second Avenue, Room 1890
Seattle, WA 98174

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on October 31, 2014 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

CUC-RFEOI-14-020
Request for Expressions of Interest for Vegetation Line Clearing Services
(A Non-Binding, Informal Market Survey)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, requests "Expressions of Interest" (EOI) from qualified firms capable of providing supervision, labor, equipment, traffic control, debris removal and incidentals necessary to perform tree and brush cutting and removal service on various utility rights-of-way and utility lines in the CUC service territory.

The Request for Expressions of Interest is an exploratory project in order to survey market interest in Vegetation Line Clearing Services. It is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and/or acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those replying.

The CUC invites qualified firms to express their interest in performing the needed services. CUC will review all Expressions of Interests received, and based in part on these submittals, will decide on whether to outsource the Vegetation Line Clearing Services to private firms.

The CUC-RFEOI-14-020 Package will be e-mailed upon request to all interested firm, by the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Four (4) copies must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEOI-14-020" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 3, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 14, 2014**. Late submission will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 26, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Gary Camacho, Power Division T&D Manager via email address gary.camacho@cucgov.org. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

Hotel occupancy rate at 91 percent in August

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported a 91.07-percent occupancy rate among 11 member hotels for August 2014, a 3-percent decrease compared to August 2013.

A total of 65,017 of 71,393 available room nights sold in August 2014, compared to 69,882 of 74,338 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were $146.71 during the month, compared to $131.32 last August.

"Overall, the average hotel occupancy rate so far this fiscal year is the same as this period last year, while the average room rate is slightly higher," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "It's clear that the Northern Marianas needs to remain committed to promotions in order to sustain these levels, particularly with the recent cessation of charter flights from Russia."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 84.44 percent, 1 percent lower than last year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(HANMI)***

Shiloh arrives on Saipan for port call

By MCS3 KEVIN V. CUNNINGHAM
U.S. 7TH FLEET PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS *Shiloh* arrived on Saipan on Sept. 23 for a scheduled port visit.

The visit will give the crew with an operational break after participating in Valiant Shield, a U.S.-only exercise integrating 18,000 U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps personnel.

This port call also provides an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between Saipan and the U.S. to help maintain a safe maritime environment.

"I'm always happy to experience new ports," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class Abraham O. Nwamkpa, from Corpus Christi, Texas. "Saipan has a powerful place in our history. As a United States' sailor I'm honored to share in it as well as enjoy the beautiful island"

"There's so much to look forward to," said Lt. j.g. Julia Kranz, Shiloh's force protection officer. "Not only is there a lot of history, but great opportunities to scuba-dive at a world-renowned dive-site."

In addition to sightseeing, the ship plans on participating in community relations events at a local school.

Shiloh is on patrol with the George Washington Strike Group in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

JAYSON CAMACHO
Delta Air Lines area manager Chris Concepcion, center, present $10,000 plus in-kind donation to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter. Joining him are ARC members including executive director John Hirsh, far left, Tanya Camacho, second from left, and Nola Hix, second from right.

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port great non-profit organizations.

Other donations made to ARC recently were $5,000 from Bridge Capital LLC and $10,000 from the Joeten Daidai Foundation.

For more information on ARC and its services, call 234-3459.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

ON-GOING ENROLLMENT TODAY!!!

Health Care Careers are doubling every 2-4 years!
So why not start yours today?
Beat the recession, enjoy job security,
Help people and provide for your family!
Register today, to start your tomorrow!

Interested in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant? Here is your opportunity! Pinnacle Staffing, LLC in partnership with Guam Marianas Training Center (G.M.T.C.) is now accepting registrations for the on-going enrollment of the Certified Nursing Assistant training course. We will be conducting a 160 hours training for all interested individuals. All interested individuals may pick up a registration form at Pinnacle Staffing, LLC office, conveniently located on the 2nd Floor of Kevins Department Store. You may contact us at (670) 287-3773 or via e-mail at contactus@pinnaclestaffing.com for more inquires.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course prepares the participant to function in the role of a nursing assistant and as a member of the health care team under the supervision of the LPN, RN, and MD while preforming basic nursing care safely and effectively. Participants will receive hands-on training on clinical and laboratory work. The training is designed to provide participants the required skills needed to successfully fulfill the duties of a CNA.

Participant will gain knowledge of:
- ✓ Basic Body Structure and Functions
- ✓ Growth and Development
- ✓ Common Health Problems
- ✓ Nursing Assistant Principles
- ✓ Basic Nursing Skills
- ✓ Safety and Basic Emergency Care

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SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2014 Steven Brownstein/Saipan Chamber of Commerce

Two-Person Scramble Golf Classic

Saturday, October 11, 2014, Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort

$100.00/per player
Show time: 6:00am • Shotgun start: 7:00am

Proceeds to benefit the SCC Education Fund and other Chamber business programs

Limited to 120 players only
No refunds after entry

Awards luncheon immediately following the tournament at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort

$30.00 per guest for awards banquet

Entry forms available at the front desk of the Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort and at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office located at Marianas Business Plaza 3rd Floor, Suite 315

Contests for longest drive and closest to the pin.

OVER $14,000 IN RAFFLE PRIZES!

For more information, contact Jill Arenovski at (670) 234-7150 or email to coordinator@saipanchamber.com

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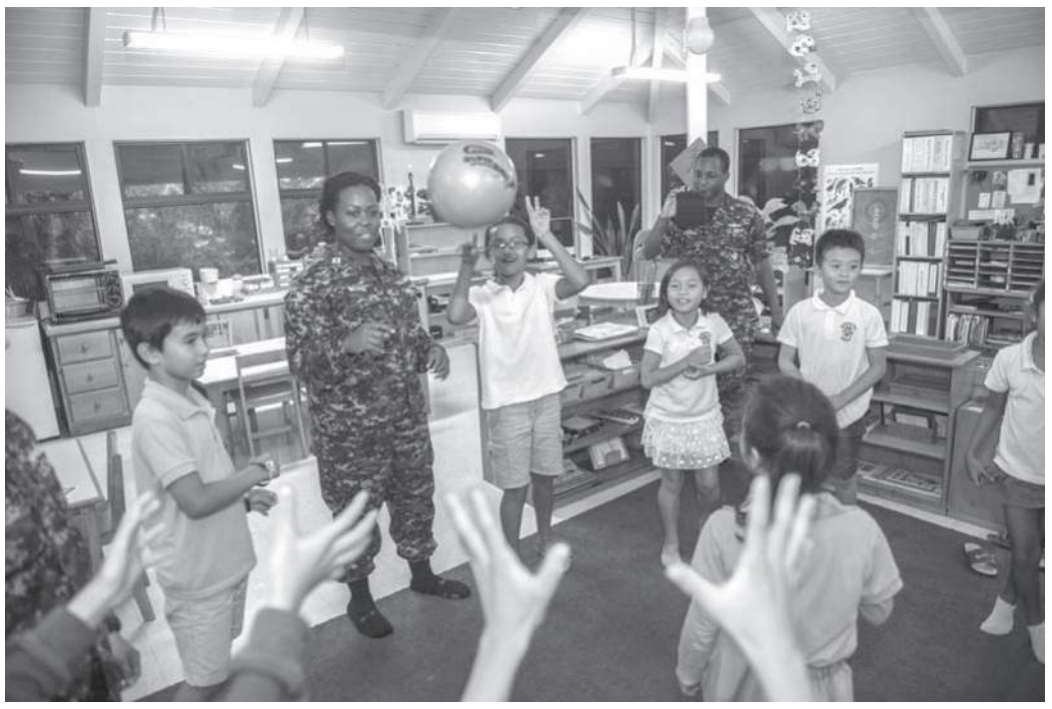
Hole in One $5,000 Pacifica Insurance HOLE #17
Hole in One 2015 Hyundai Elantra Triple J Motors HOLE #13
Hole in One 2014 Ford Fiesta Joeten Motors HOLE #7

Shiloh sailors reach out to Brilliant Star students

By MCS3 KEVIN V. CUNNINGHAM
USS SHILOH

Sailors assigned to the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS *Shiloh* (CG 67) took part in a cultural exchange at the Brilliant Star Montessori School on Saipan last Sept. 25.

MCS3 KEVIN V. CUNNINGHAM
Sailors assigned to the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS *Shiloh* play games with students at the Brilliant Star Montessori School on Saipan during a cultural exchange. *Shiloh* is on Saipan for a scheduled port visit after participating in Valiant Shield.



MCS3 KEVIN V. CUNNINGHAM
Students from the Brilliant Star Montessori School on Saipan present a drawing of Navy ships to sailors assigned to the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS *Shiloh* during a cultural exchange.

"It was a great opportunity to share with the local students who were interested in the Navy," said Shiloh Chaplain Lt. Autumn M. Wilson. "I was surprised at how much they knew about different ships and our life. It was great to see their thirst for more knowledge."

The sailors started by introducing themselves and telling about their jobs in the Navy. They presented the students with a slide show of life on the ship and participated in some classroom games.

"This was the highlight of my port visit," said Religious Specialist 3rd Class Curran B. Croft-Greenwell, from Holden, Maine. "It's a great feeling being able to share my life in the Navy with local children and to see their interest.

"We have many outside presenters come visit us here," said Richard Sikkel, the school principal, "but this is the first time any American sailors have come; we appreciate it and look forward to more visits in the future."

The port visit provided the crew with an operational break after participating in Valiant Shield, a U.S.-only exercise integrating 18,000 U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps personnel.

Fostering diplomatic relations with allies through friendly community interactions in port is part of America's maritime strategy to build a joint coalition force of allies capable of ensuring maritime security.

Shiloh is on deployment in the 7th Fleet area of operations supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
WATER TASK FORCE
IFB14-GOV-147

Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement, Gualo Rai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Construction of New Concrete Gualo Rai Reservoir with stairs and accessories.
- Demolition and removal of existing Gualo Rai Welded Steel Tank to include but is not limited to its tank concrete foundation and appurtenances.
- Modification of existing water supply pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Installation of Temporary Water Tanks, piping, fittings and chlorination/
- Construction of Chain Link fence and retaining walls.
- Removal of temporary facilities and control
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new tank and waterlines.
- Asphalt paving.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of $500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **September 22, 2014** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m.**, on **October 3, 2014**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **October 2, 2014**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB14-GOV-147"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **October 22, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 22, 2014**, and must be received no later than October 31, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **October 31, 2014**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **October 22, 2014**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP14-GOV-150

Legal Services For Water Task Force
(Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Governor's Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **September 29, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM October 10, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMAIC 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Legal Services" RFP14-GOV-150**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00pm, October 29, 2014 (CNMI Local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS
Governor

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

Business

After sabotage, air travel system slowly recovers

CHICAGO (AP)—The nation's air travel system slowly began to recover Saturday after an alleged act of employee sabotage at a large regional air traffic control center brought Chicago's two international airports to a halt.

At the height of the travel misery Friday, more than 2,000 flights in and out of O'Hare and Midway airports had been canceled, sending waves of travel disruption rippling across the country.

Authorities say a contract employee started a fire Friday morning in the basement telecommunications room of a control center in the Chicago suburb of Aurora and then attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat. Brian Howard, 36, of Naperville, was charged with destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities, a felony. The FBI said Howard remains hospitalized and no court date has been scheduled.

As of late Saturday afternoon, total Chicago flight cancelations for the day stood at more than 780—still a damagingly high number, but an improvement. Southwest Airlines, the dominant carrier at Midway, had hoped to resume a full flight schedule Saturday, but had to cancel all flights between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. CDT.

Lines remained long at O'Hare, which is a major U.S. hub. Many travelers stranded overnight slept on cots provided by the airport, in scenes reminiscent of winter storm disruptions.

The Federal Aviation Administration facility in Aurora, about 40 miles west of downtown Chicago, handles planes cruising at high altitudes through the air space as well as those just beginning to approach or completing a departure from airports in the Chicago area. It remained shut down Saturday, and its responsibilities have been transferred to centers in Cleveland, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Minneapolis. The FAA's command center in Warrenton, Virginia, was also working to increase the traffic flow.

The widespread disruption left some aviation analysts, travelers and politicians calling for a smoother backup plan and wondering how one person could be in a position to wreak so much havoc.

"Chicago O'Hare International Airport cannot be brought to a screeching halt," said Republican Sen. Mark Kirk, of Illinois. "I want to see not only an immediate review by the FAA of the screening process at the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center in Aurora, but also a report within 30 days outlining changes the FAA will make to prevent any one individual from having this type of impact on the heart of the United States economy."

Activist investor pushes Yahoo to buy rival AOL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer is getting some unsolicited advice on how to turn around the long-struggling Internet company, just like some of her predecessors who tangled with investors dissatisfied with management's performance.

In a letter Friday, activist investor Jeffrey Smith urged Yahoo Inc. to buy another fallen Internet star, AOL Inc. and take steps to reduce the future taxes on the company's lucrative stake in China's Alibaba Group. He also chastised Mayer for spending $1.3 billion to acquire an Internet blogging service and more than two dozen other startups during the past two years with little to show in return so far.

To bolster his arguments, Smith says he has built a "significant" stake in Yahoo through Starboard Value LP. The size of the stake wasn't quantified in the letter and hasn't yet been divulged in regulatory filings.

The idea of Yahoo and AOL getting together isn't a new one. Various analysts and other Internet observers have argued a marriage between the two companies would allow them to cut costs, attract more Web surfers and, most importantly, strengthen their online advertising arsenal to improve their chances of competing against Internet stalwarts Google Inc. and Facebook Inc.

"It makes a lot of sense," said BGC Financial Partners Colin Gillis.

In a statement, Mayer said she looked forward to discussing Smith's ideas. "Going forward, we have great confidence in the strength of our business," Mayer said.

AOL didn't respond to requests for comment Friday.

The prospect of a change in Yahoo's recent direction seemed to excite investors. Yahoo's stock rose $1.71, or 4.4 percent, to close at $40.66. AOL's stock added $1.58, or 3.7 percent, to finish at $44.55 as investors reacted to a potential buyout bid.

Constant phone calls allowed on European flights

BERLIN (AP)—European skies may soon be alive with the sound of small talk with new safety rules allowing the use of all portable electronics, including cell phones, at any time during flights.

Under the guidelines issued Friday by the European Aviation Safety Agency, European airlines can allow passengers to use electronics during the entire flight, without putting them into "airplane mode."

"We're basically opening the door where, in theory, you'll be able to continue making your phone call through the gate throughout the flight ... like you would on a train," spokesman Ilias Maragakis told The Associated Press.

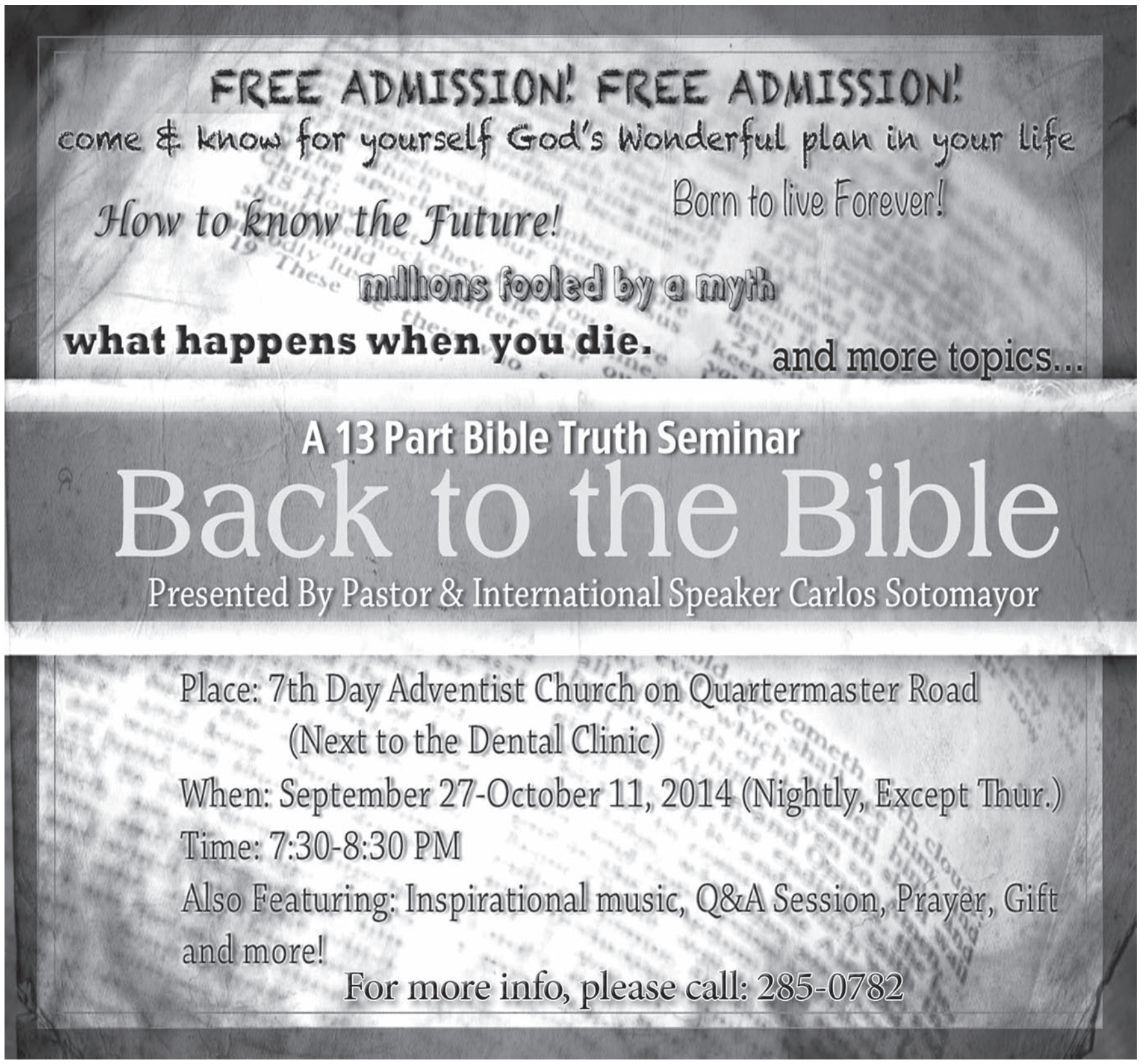
Standing in the way is the difficulty of getting a cell phone signal at high altitudes, and also how passengers will react to the thought of sitting next to a chatterbox across the Atlantic.

That'll be up to the airlines to figure out as they implement the new rules. In most European trains, for example, there are "silent" cars where talking on phones is prohibited but it seems unlikely a scheme like that would work on anything but the largest jets.

In addition to phones, the guidelines apply to all other portable electronics, including book readers, tablet computers, mp3 players and other devices.

EASA, which is based in Cologne, Germany, said the new rules are effective immediately and apply to any airplane operated by a European-based carrier, no matter where the flight originates.

Airlines will now need to decide what devices they will allow and how they will allow them to be used. In practice, that will likely take several months as airlines will first have to certify that their planes aren't affected by transmission signals.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Nation

Holder departure clouds fate of civil rights cases

WASHINGTON (AP)—Moments after making fresh demands that Attorney General Eric Holder open federal investigations into police shootings of unarmed black men, a cluster of civil rights activists learned, courtesy of whispers and a shared e-tablet, that the nation's first black attorney general was stepping down.

Civil rights leaders, liberal activists and black lawmakers are now left wondering what effect Holder's impending departure will have on the high-profile efforts begun on his watch. "There's a lot for us to calculate," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who was meeting with black leaders in Washington.

Holder has been applauded by civil rights and equal rights activists as the most effective attorney general ever for their causes.

"There has been no greater ally in the fight for justice, civil rights, equal rights, and voting rights than Attorney General Holder," declared Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers and a former NAACP national chairwoman.

But the first black attorney general could be leaving several things undone as he transitions out:

■ Possible federal charges in the deaths of black men including Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Florida.

■ The November monitoring of congressional and statewide elections that will take place after the Supreme Court threw out a major protection in the Voting Rights Act.

■ And projects he personally promoted such as the reduction of racial profiling in federal investigations, changes in how federal prosecutors negotiate sentencing, changes in the death penalty system and efforts to reduce tensions between local police departments and minority communities.

"At this critical time for America, we can't afford to lose momentum on civil rights," said Leslie Proll, director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Washington Office

A career marked with controversy
2009
November 2009: The Obama administration pushes to try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in civilian court. In 2011, the decision is reversed, and Holder announces a military trial in Guantanamo Bay.
2010
2011
June 2012: Holder is held in contempt of Congress for not turning over documents related to the gun-tracking investigation known as Fast and Furious.
May 2013: Holder defends action against journalists who received leaked information.
2012
2013
February 2014: Holder announces plans to expand recognition of same-sex marriages to courtrooms and prisons and to some federal benefits programs.
2014
Sept. 25, 2014: Holder announces he will resign.
Source: Tribune reporting
Graphic: Chicago Tribune

Police: Ferguson officer shot; 2 suspects wanted

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—A Ferguson police officer was shot in the arm Saturday night after encountering two men at a community center who ran from him and then opened fire during a foot chase, authorities said.

St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said at a media briefing early Sunday that the officer approached the men around 9:10 p.m. because the community center was closed. As the officer approached, the men ran away. When the officer gave chase, "one of the men turned and shot," Belmar said.

The officer was shot in the arm and is expected to survive, he said. Belmar did not identify the officer or give further details about his condition. He said the officer returned fire but said police have "no indication" that either suspect was shot.

A search was underway for the suspects early Sunday in Ferguson, the St. Louis suburb that's been the scene of racial unrest in the wake of the August shooting death of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

Belmar said he did not think the officer's shooting was related to two separate protests about Michael Brown's shooting that were going on Saturday night around the same time.

Around midnight at the police station, approximately two dozen officers stood near a group of about 100 protesters who mingled on a street corner, occasionally shouting, "No justice; no peace."

Nearby, part of a road was closed in town as police conducted a search for the suspects. Numerous law enforcement agencies were responding, and police helicopters were canvassing the area.

The officer's shooting comes after Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson issued a videotaped apology to Brown's family earlier in the week and attempted to march with protesters, an effort that led to a clash with activists and several arrests on Thursday.

Obama: Mistrust of police corrodes America

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama on Saturday said the widespread mistrust of law enforcement that was exposed by the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man in Ferguson, Missouri, is corroding America, not just its black communities, and that the wariness flows from significant racial disparities in the administration of justice.

Speaking at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's annual awards dinner, Obama said these suspicions only harm communities that need law enforcement the most.

"It makes folks who are victimized by crime and need strong policing reluctant to go to the police because they may not trust them," he said. "And the worst part of it is it scars the hearts of our children," leading some youngsters to unnecessarily fear people who do not look like them while leading others to constantly feel under suspicion no matter what they do.

"That is not the society we want," Obama said. "It's not the society that our children deserve."

The fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in August sparked days of violent protests and racial unrest in predominantly black Ferguson. The police officer who shot Brown was white.

There was even more violence Saturday night in Ferguson when, the authorities say, a police officer was shot in the arm. Circumstances surrounding the latest incident were not immediately clear.

Obama addressed the Michael Brown shooting carefully but firmly, saying the young man's death and the raw emotion that sprang from it had reawakened the country to the fact that "a gulf of mistrust" exists between local residents and law enforcement in too many communities.

"Too many young men of color feel targeted by law enforcement - guilty of walking while black or driving while black, judged by stereotypes that fuel fear and resentment and hopelessness," he said.

Asia

More than 30 believed dead at Japanese volcano

TOKYO (AP)—Rescue workers on Sunday found more than 30 people unconscious and believed to be dead near the peak of an erupting volcano, a Japanese police official said.

The victims have been described as not breathing and their hearts have stopped, which is the customary way for Japanese authorities to describe a body until police doctors can examine it.

The official from Nagano prefecture police said details of where the bodies were found and their identities were not immediately known. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Mount Ontake in central Japan erupted shortly before noon Saturday, spewing large white plumes of gas and ash high into the sky and blanketing the surrounding area in ash. At least 250 people were initially trapped on the slopes, but most made their way down by Saturday night.

Keita Ushimaru, an official in nearby Kiso town, said that Nagano prefecture crisis management officials had informed the town that at four people were being brought down with heart and lung failures, and that there were others in the same condition.

Rescue workers were also trying to bring down the injured who were stranded on the mountain overnight. Military helicopters plucked seven people off the mountainside earlier Sunday, and workers on foot were also helping others make their way down.

AP

A military helicopter, aiding in rescue operations, flies above Mount Ontake as it continues to erupt, Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, in Nagano prefecture.

HK activists start bigger protest amid standoff

HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong activists kicked off a long-threatened mass civil disobedience protest Sunday to challenge Beijing over restrictions on voting reforms, escalating the battle for democracy in the former British colony after police arrested dozens of student demonstrators.

The announcement by civil leaders came after a big crowd of tens of thousands turned out around midnight Saturday to support the student protesters who stormed into a courtyard of the government complex and scuffled with police wielding pepper spray. Police arrested at least 74 people, including some in their teens.

The night passed peacefully as more than 1,000 exhausted and weary protesters - most of them students - remained on the streets outside government headquarters and erected makeshift barricades with open umbrellas to slow any advance by police. They slept wearing face masks and protective gear of Saran-wrapped arms, cheap plastic raincoats and goggles, as tired-looking riot police looked on. Some students hurried to join them Sunday morning, saying they didn't want to leave their friends in case of a police crackdown, but the crowd later dwindled to a few hundred.

Many students were not happy that their protest was taken over by Occupy Central with Love and Peace, a broader movement fighting for democratic reform.

The Occupy Central movement had originally planned to paralyze the Asian financial hub's central business district on Wednesday, but organizers moved up the start of their protest and changed the location in an apparent bid to harness momentum from the student rally outside the government complex in the southern Chinese city.

"I think it's quite ridiculous for them to do such a thing ... but I decided to stay because they have the same aim for democracy," said university student Li Xi-lang Harold, 19.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Fatal school stampede in China blamed on horseplay

BEIJING (AP)—A stampede that killed six children and injured 26 at a southern Chinese elementary school was sparked by horseplay that caused panic among dozens of schoolchildren, a state-run newspaper reported Saturday. The Beijing News said several boys were playing in the school in the city of Kunming on Friday when they knocked over several foam rubber sleeping mats. The mats landed on several boys whose screams sent dozens of panicked children down a narrow staircase out of the school building, causing the stampede. The newspaper attributed its report to interviews with witnesses from the Mingtong Elementary School. Following the stampede, Kunming officials demanded that all schools in the city be thoroughly checked to remove any safety hazards. Five city and district education officials were suspended because of the incident, while a school vice principal and a district education deputy chief were removed from their posts, the China News Service reported.

Indonesia province to punish gay sex by caning

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP)—Lawmakers in a conservative Muslim Indonesian province passed a law Saturday that punishes gay sex by public caning and subjects non-Muslims to the region's strict interpretation of Islamic sharia law. Human rights groups have said the law violates international treaties signed by Indonesia protecting the rights of minorities and women. Gay rights activist King Oey urged the central government's new moderate leadership to use its influence to overturn the law, or appeal it at the Constitutional Court. "It's discriminatory and saddening," he said. "We urge people who are concerned with human rights will not sit by silently." The measure was passed by the 69-member assembly unanimously early Saturday after hours of debate, just days before a new 81-member regional parliament takes over in Aceh province next week, said lawmaker Mahyaruddin Yusuf from the Islamic-based Prosperous Justice Party. The law says anal sex between men is punishable by up to 100 lashes of the cane. Women found guilty of "rubbing" their body parts against each other for sexual pleasure are also liable for caning.

World

US struggles to blunt Syria rebel anger at strikes

BEIRUT (AP)—The U.S. is struggling to counter anger among the Syrian opposition, where many believe that the air campaign against extremists in the country is only helping President Bashar Assad and that Washington is coordinating with Damascus, despite American insistence it backs the rebel cause.

Since the U.S.-led campaign of air raids and missile strikes in Syria began last Tuesday, American officials—many of them Arabic-speaking—have been making appearances on Arab TV stations, explaining U.S. goals. They have repeatedly denied any cooperation with the Syrian government and say Washington still seeks Assad's removal.

But the messaging seems to be making little headway. The anger among the opposition over the air campaign points to a central difficulty in the U.S. strategy: The main aim of the international coalition it has assembled is to defeat the Islamic State group—which has taken over much of Syria and neighboring Iraq—but in Syria it is Assad's government that is best placed to benefit from blows to the extremists.

Most Syrian rebel factions sharply oppose the Islamic State extremist group and have lost hundreds of fighters trying to prevent it from taking over territory. The Free Syrian Army, an umbrella group of relatively moderate rebel factions, has welcomed the air campaign.

But resentment is high among the opposition that, after ignoring their pleas for greater help against Assad for years, Washington finally took action only to counter radicals it sees as a danger to U.S. interests.

What particularly alarmed the Syrian opposition is that in the opening salvo of the assault, U.S. warplanes also hit positions of the Nusra Front, an al-Qaida affiliate that is also one of the strongest rebel factions battling Assad's troops. U.S. officials say the strikes aimed to take out an al-Qaida cell that was a threat to the United States or Europe—but rebel factions saw an important ally being pounded by the Americans. Civilian deaths—around a dozen according to activists—have added to the anger.

In several opposition-held towns in the northern Syrian provinces of Aleppo and Idlib, protesters emerged from mosques after Friday prayers to denounce the strikes.

Liberia: Top doctor goes under Ebola quarantine

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)—Liberia's chief medical officer is placing herself under quarantine for 21 days after her office assistant died of Ebola.

Bernice Dahn, a deputy health minister who has represented Liberia at regional conferences about combating the epidemic, told The Associated Press on Saturday that she did not have any Ebola symptoms but wanted to ensure she was not infected.

The World Health Organization says 21 days is the maximum incubation period for Ebola, which has killed more than 3,000 people across West Africa and is hitting Liberia especially hard. WHO figures released Friday said 150 people died in the country in just two days.

Liberia's government has asked people to keep themselves isolated for 21 days if they think they have been exposed. The unprecedented scale of the outbreak, however, has made it difficult to trace the contacts of victims and quarantine those who might be at risk.

"Of course we made the rule, so I am home for 21 days," Dahn said Saturday. "I did it on my own. I told my office staff to stay at home for the 21 days. That's what we need to do."

Health officials, especially front-line doctors and nurses, are particularly vulnerable to Ebola, which is spread via the bodily fluids of infected patients. Earlier this month, WHO said more than 300 health workers had contracted Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, the three most-affected countries. Nearly half had died.

In Guinea, the country where Ebola cases were first confirmed back in March, officials said Saturday that the country's appeal court had been closed until further notice after a staffer there died of Ebola.

Justice Ministry spokesman Ibrahima Beavogui confirmed the closure of the court— located in the capital, Conakry—said it was necessary to protect officials and suspects.

Another justice official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the press, said the the secretary for the court clerk died of Ebola last week. "All the records of the department passed through the hands of this woman," the official said.

Iran-6 power talks turn into mostly Iran-US show

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—First there were three nations negotiating with Tehran over its nuclear program. Then six. And now, mostly one—the United States.

Washington insists that the Iran-six power negotiations are alive and well. But with a deadline to a deal only eight weeks away, the U.S. is increasingly reshaping the talks it joined five years ago into a series of bilateral meetings with Iran as the two nations with the greatest stakes race to seal a deal—and strengthen ties broken more than three decades ago.

The shift began in 2009 when the U.S. thawed its 30-year freeze on talking to Tehran—in place since the Iranian revolution and siege of the American Embassy—and joined other nations at the nuclear negotiating table.

It gathered steam with a series of secret U.S.-Iran nuclear meetings starting in 2012, and culminated with a 15-minute telephone conversation last year between the President Barack Obama and Hassan Rouhani, Iran's newly elected president.

U.S. officials now regularly exchange phone calls and emails with their Iranian counterparts. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif have met several times on the nuclear issue since last year, the latest during the current round of negotiations that ended Friday.

As those contacts grow, the two sides have begun discussing other issues.

A senior U.S. official said that every U.S.-Iran meeting during the current session has included conversation about the whereabouts of former FBI Agent Robert Levinson, journalist Jason Rezaian and other Americans missing or detained in Iran. The common threat posed by the Islamic State group of militants also was discussed, said the official, who declined to go into details and demanded anonymity in line with State Department custom.

Such developments hold the promise of expanded dialogue and slowly mending U.S.-Iranian ties, should the nuclear talks result in a deal by the Nov. 24 target date.

Former U.S. negotiator Gary Samore says that even when limited to the nuclear issue, the growing Iran-U.S negotiating axis is "an extremely good thing," because it streamlines the talks between the two main players, allowing them to advance more quickly.

Health & Fitness

Overworked and underpaid? You may be at greater risk of diabetes

By KAREN KAPLAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Do you ever feel like your job is killing you? If you work long hours, your job might be giving you diabetes.

Health experts have noticed for years that people who spend a lot of time at work are more likely to have various types of health problems, including stress, cardiovascular disease and depression. But efforts to find a direct link between work hours and Type 2 diabetes have been mixed. For instance, a study of manual laborers in Japan found that those who worked more than 53 hours a week had a higher risk of diabetes, while Japanese office workers who logged more than 55 hours a week did not.

To get to the bottom of this, an international team of researchers scoured the medical literature and found reliable data on 222,120 adults from the United States, Europe, Australia and Japan. Many of them were hard workers—depending on the study they were involved in, up to 68 percent of them worked "long hours" (generally defined as more than 55 hours per week).

A total of 4,963 of these men and women were diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes during the time they were tracked by researchers. But not everyone had the same risk of getting that diagnosis.

Compared with people who worked 35 to 40 hours per week, those who worked at least 55 hours per week were 7 percent more likely to develop the metabolic disorder, in which high blood sugar can lead to serious problems like stroke, kidney failure or blindness.

When the researchers accounted for workers' socioeconomic status, the results were more striking. For those with high incomes, there was no link between hours worked and diabetes risk. The results for people in the middle-income territory were weak but suggested a link between hours worked and diabetes risk.

However, for those with low incomes, working long hours was associated with a 29 percent increased risk of developing diabetes. After the researchers adjusted for other demographic factors, the risk dropped slightly, to 26 percent.

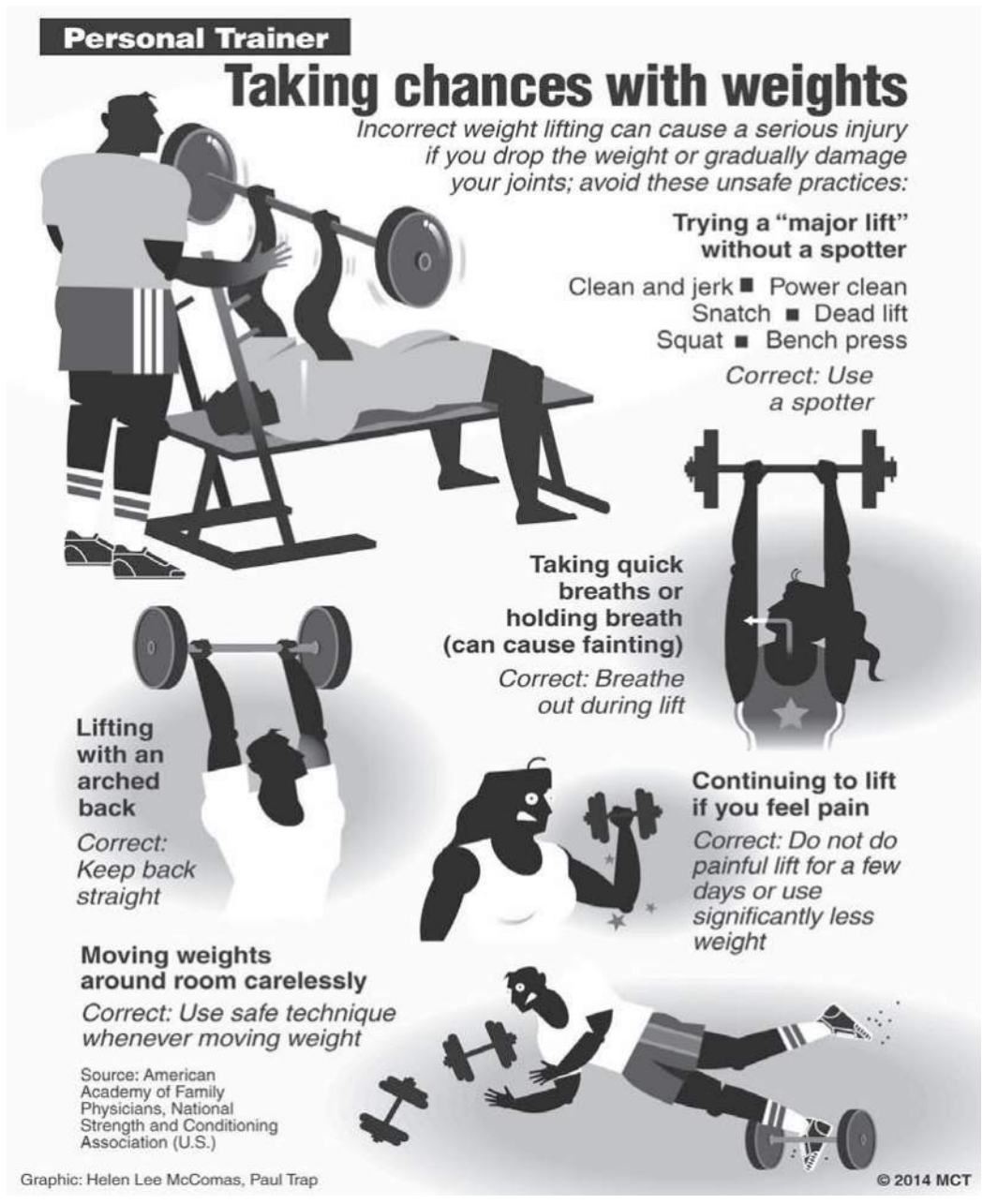
The researchers noted that the link held up for low-income workers regardless of which study they were in, how they were diagnosed (fasting glucose test, glucose tolerance test or self-reporting), or their age, gender or obesity status.

The study couldn't determine why longer hours would make some people more prone to Type 2 diabetes, but the researchers offered some possible explanations. For instance, people who spend more time at their jobs may have less time to exercise, take part in stress-reducing social activities or sleep. Other research has shown that sleep-deprivation and fragmented sleep can interfere with the body's ability to make and use insulin, which leads to high blood sugar.

On the other hand, high-income workers who put in long hours have more resources to help them deal with the stresses caused by having less free time—paying for child care, household help and prepared foods, to name a few examples. But if there were anything inherently dangerous about a long work week, then high-income workers should see their risk of diabetes increase too, at least a little.

In a commentary that accompanies the study, a pair of Harvard researchers wrote that it's too early to rule out the idea that "working long hours per se is toxic."

The influence of sleep is probably important, the Harvard researchers added. Perhaps people who work long hours in well-paid jobs have more predictable schedules than people who work in lower-paying jobs and wind up working overtime.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Life & Style

Clooney marries human rights lawyer in Venice

VENICE, Italy (AP)—George Clooney married human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin Saturday, the actor's representative said, out of sight of pursuing paparazzi and adoring crowds.

A smiling Clooney traveled up the spectacular Grand Canal to his wedding standing coolly aboard a water-taxi, waving to hundreds of well-wishers on shore and a flotilla of photographers chasing a glimpse of his final moments of bachelorhood.

With the pink sunset casting a gleam on Venice's most picturesque canal, Clooney rubbed his hands in sweet anticipation and disappeared into the luxury Aman hotel's tent-covered pier, where celebrity friends including Cindy Crawford and Matt Damon had passed moments earlier.

The bride was nowhere to be seen.

Clooney's long-time representative Stan Rosenfield announced in one sentence some 2 1/2 hours later that the wedding had taken place. It is expected to be the only communication on the much-anticipated marriage of the actor who long reigned as Hollywood's most-eligible bachelor.

Clooney and friends had coolly sipped champagne before at the five-star Cipriani hotel before forming a procession to the Aman that included Damon, Crawford, her husband Rande Gerber and Bill Murray from the five-star Cipriani hotel opposite St. Mark's Square up the Grand Canal to the luxury Aman Hotel.

Crawford wore a purple floor-length halter dress; Clooney and the other men were all dressed in tuxedos.

En route, Clooney's boat was momentarily blocked by a passing cruise-liner and then by a water bus, giving time for dozens of boats carrying photographers to catch up. A police boat swerved in vain to try to keep the paparazzi away.

The star, standing in front of the taxi, maintained his ever-relaxed demeanor and waved to hundreds of people who crowded the arched Accademia bridge, canal banks and passing water taxis to see the Hollywood star before he took the plunge he long vowed never to take.

Alamuddin was last seen publicly on Friday riding a water-taxi down the Grand Canal with Clooney's arm resting comfortably around her. The bride, wearing a bold black-and-white striped Dolce & Gabbana dress, beamed.

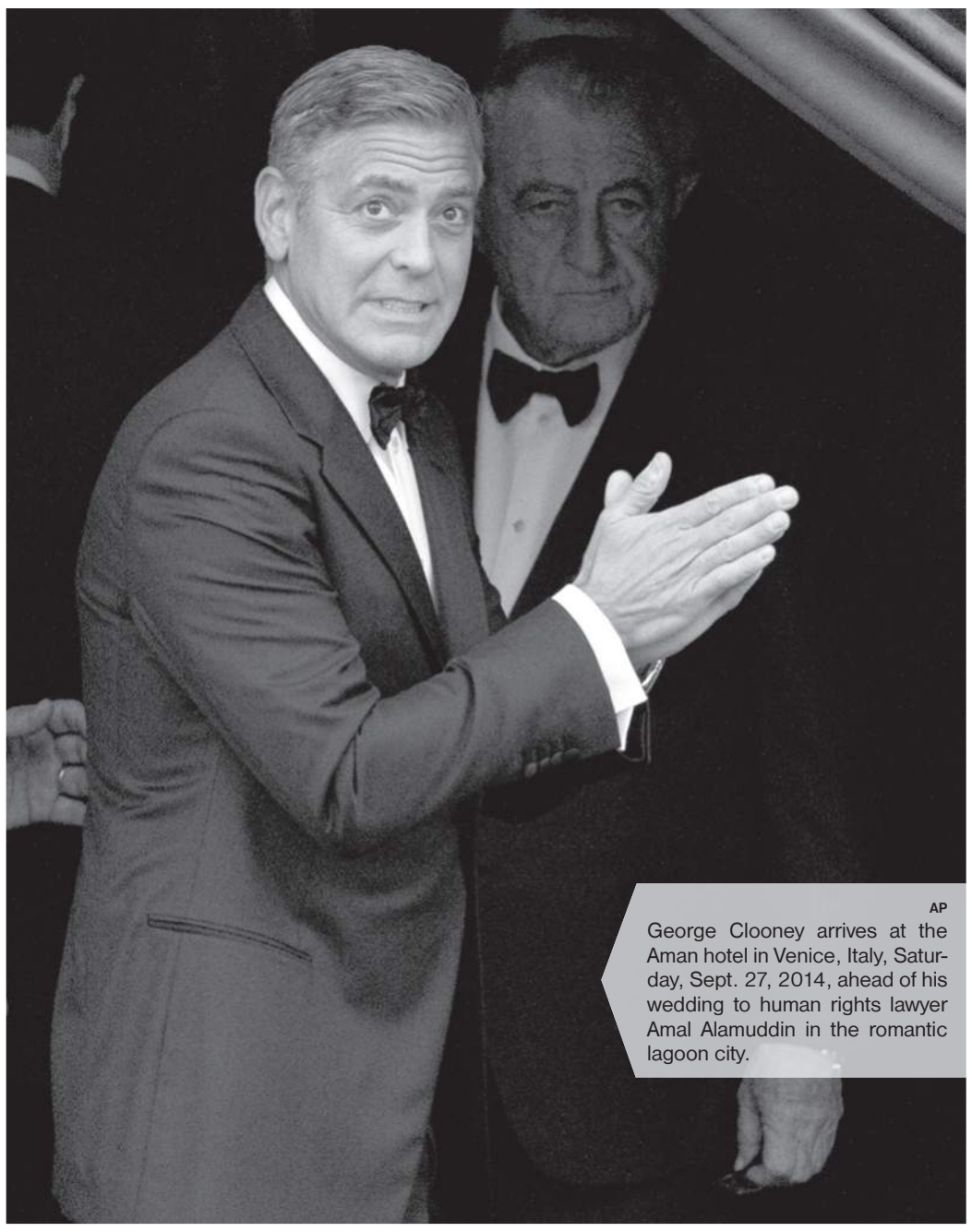
Clooney, 53, and Alamuddin, 36, who were engaged in April, have not publicly divulged details of the weekend-long celebrations—leaving plenty open to speculation.

Venice city officials have announced the closure of a 50-meter (yard) length of pedestrian way along the Grand Canal near the 16th-century Cavalli Palace, used for civil marriage ceremonies, for two hours on Monday, citing the Clooney nuptials. The Cavalli Palace is just opposite the Aman hotel.

Media have speculated that the couple will have two ceremonies—one on Saturday followed by a civil ceremony Monday.

Clooney started the day Saturday relaxing over coffee with Crawford and her husband on the Cipriani hotel terrace, seemingly unfazed by photographers hovering in boats off-shore.

Cipriani staff formed a protective barrier blocking the view of Clooney and his guests, but then Clooney apparently waved them away. The actor even interacted briefly with the paparazzi.



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George Clooney arrives at the Aman hotel in Venice, Italy, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, ahead of his wedding to human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin in the romantic lagoon city.

After someone yelled "Is this really happening, George?" the actor feigned looking at a watch on his bare wrist and yelled back: "Yeah, right now."

Clooney had vowed he would never marry again following his 1989-93 marriage to Talia Balsam. He dated a series of models and actresses that made his love life tabloid fodder, until meeting his match in Alamuddin.

Venice is perhaps a natural setting for Clooney's wedding. The star owns a villa on Lake Como north of Milan, feels at home in Italy and is a frequent visitor to Venice, often to promote his films at the Venice Film Festival.

While the Venetian waterways offer stunning views of the city's Byzantine and Renaissance architecture, where East truly meets West. Its islands and maze of canals also permit privacy and easily restricted access.

Singer Bono and his wife were among the late arrivals on Saturday, joining Clooney's cousin Miguel Ferrer, Ellen Barkin, Anna Wintour and Richard Kind, among those who arrived on Friday.

Clooney and Alamuddin are among thousands of non-Venetian couples, foreign and Italian, who choose each year to marry in Venice, and the city administration smooths over the process with an on-line application form and list of documents needed to make the ceremony legally binding.

In St. Mark's Square, a bride dressed in white was kissing her groom as photographers snapped away. The couple said they didn't mind sharing the spotlight with the Hollywood star and his bride.

"It is a pleasure for us that a person as famous as him is celebrating his wedding here just like us," said Michele Santoriello.

Alamuddin, a London-based human rights lawyer, is of Lebanese origin, and her wedding was also being celebrated Saturday in her family's village of origin, Baakline in the Chouf district. Alamuddin left Lebanon during the civil war and was raised in the United Kingdom. She met Clooney, who is active in many political causes, through her work.

As the wedding party descended on Venice, the Alamuddin family house in Baakline was empty. Her neighbors said the bride's cousins departed the night before.

Many villagers welcomed the news of the impending nuptials. "We congratulate them and we hope that the happiness will be international," said shopkeeper Ghassan Bou Hatoum.

Lonely single man with full household wants to date again

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old single man. Three years ago, I took legal custody of my niece (who is now 8) to prevent her from becoming a ward of the state. Her parents were drug addicts. Shortly afterward, my mother moved in to help me raise her, which is greatly needed and appreciated.

The problem is, I had to dramatically alter my lifestyle—no more staying out late on weekends or impromptu trips to visit college buddies—and worst of all, an end to dating.

I used to go out with a lot of women, but I haven't been with anyone in more than two years. I didn't like the idea of bringing ladies around my niece whom she might never see again. It was easier to just give up dating than to deal with her questions and looks of confusion. She has had enough instability in her young life, and I didn't want to add to it.

Now I'm starting to get lonely, and I'm not sure how to get back into the dating scene. How would I explain my living situation to a potential wife: "I have a kid and my mother living with me, and that's not going to change. Interested?"

Abby, any thoughts or suggestions would be welcomed.

LONELY BY DESIGN IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR LONELY: Explain your living situation to the women you meet in much the same way as you have explained it to me. You are taking care of your 8-year-old niece with the help of your mother because if you hadn't stepped up, she would have become a ward of the state.

Any mature woman who is worth her salt will respect that, just as I do. Immature women who are only looking for a good time—or a meal ticket—will probably run in the opposite direction, which is a good thing.

You won't find what you're looking for in bars as you may have done in the past. You would probably have better luck if you join a group like Parents Without Partners or ask some of your married friends if they know someone nice.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I were watching a popular annual awards show recently. Like most of these, this one included an "In Memoriam" segment in which was featured a slideshow of the photos and names of people from the field who had died during the year.

The segment was well done and very meaningful. When it was over and the lights went back up, the audience clapped. My family applauded, too. That made me feel uncomfortable, so I didn't join in. What are your thoughts on applause at a memorial tribute?

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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TO CLAP OR NOT TO CLAP

DEAR T.C.O.N.T.C.: Audiences clap for many reasons—among them, a spontaneous gesture of emotion or to show appreciation. (Some may do it because everyone else is doing it.) However, in this circumstance, it is not required or prohibited. As long as the applause is sincere, I think it is appropriate.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

LOOK, HOBBES, I CUT A PIECE OF CARDBOARD TO MAKE A TV SCREEN.
SEE, I JUST HOLD IT UP AND IT'S LIKE I'M ON TV.
WOW, YOUR OWN SHOW!
TOO BAD I CAN'T REALLY FORCE MY WAY INTO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE'S HOMES EACH DAY.
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, NO ONE IN THIS HOME CAN TURN ME OFF!

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By Jim Davis

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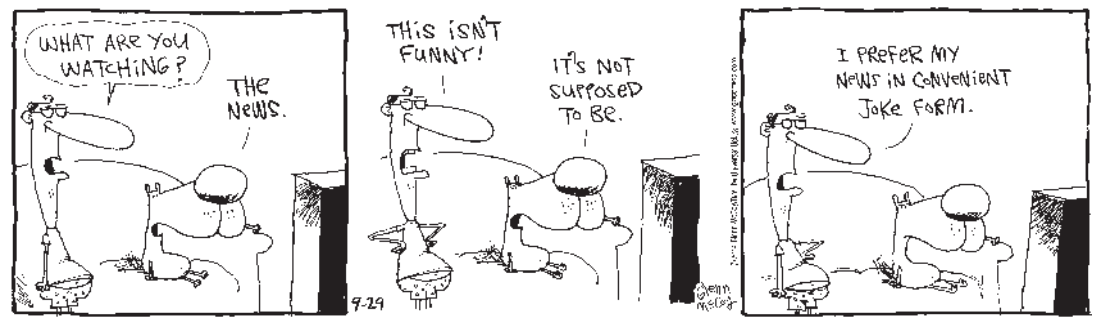
By Bryan Basset

WHOO! IT CAME!!
WHAT CAME?
MY FIRST ISSUE OF COFFEE SNOB MONTHLY!
UM... YAY?
THIS ISSUE HAS SOME GREAT ARTICLES.
LIKE?
SCOFFING AT CREAMERS... 7 WAYS TO SNIFF HAUGHTILY...

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
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9 A Gershwin brother
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13 Prolonged attack
14 Apprehend
15 Job seeker's ordeal
17 Dead heat
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19 Saying nothing
21 Kitchen rack array
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28 Small streams
31 Greek vowel
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36 — -Roman wrestling
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40 Modern-day evidence
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45 Tex-Mex treat
47 Society newcomer
48 Beer relative
49 Thwart a pass
54 Medic
55 Different
56 Sticky stuff
57 Collection
58 Rope loop
59 Martini ingredient

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2 Corral
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5 Math problem term
6 Island neckwear
7 Discharge
8 More moist in the morn
9 Short piece of music
10 Precipitation
11 Help illegally
16 List-ending abbr.
20 Deposited
21 Gulp down
22 Indigent
23 Add a comment
27 "Uh-huh"
29 Fasting period
30 Dispatch
32 Antioxidant berry
34 Buyers
37 Choice
39 Capital of South Dakota
42 — Domingo
44 Fallon's network
45 Crazes
46 Lotion additive
50 Nevertheless, for short
51 Early bird?
52 Luau dish
53 Heavy weight

Solution time: 26 mins.

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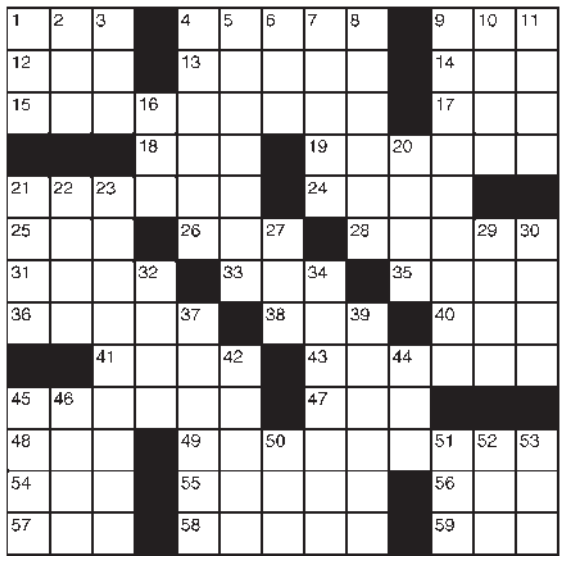
Last Friday's answer 9-29



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Erika Eleniak, 45; Roger Bart, 52; Bryant Gumbel, 66; Jerry Lee Lewis, 79.

Happy Birthday: Communication, education and transportation are highlighted. Trips that encourage learning or adventure will spark your imagination, but being realistic about the choices you make will be the determining factor when it comes to getting the results you want. Don't let uncertainty cloud your vision or slow you down. Putting the pieces of your life puzzle together should not be too complicated. Your numbers are 6, 10, 17, 23, 29, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication will lead to solutions, earning more money or developing a closer bond to someone you have a future with. Travel plans can be made, but be reasonable regarding your destination. A safe, secure location is essential. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A fast-talker will try to get between you and your cash. Refrain from taking on any more responsibilities until you take care of the ones you already have. Picking up knowledge or taking short and informative trips is advised. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional matters will surface. Stick to the truth even if it causes a scene. Express your opinions so you can move on without delay or regret. Greater opportunities await you. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Troubles at home are best avoided if possible. Wait for a better time to find workable solutions. Put your energy into expanding your horizons, making new contacts and sharing your thoughts with like-minded people. Trust your intuition. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out and experience life. Idle time will work against you. Take care of your chores and responsibilities to avoid complaints before you go on vacation. Back away from joint financial ventures. You will not be given accurate figures and are likely to encounter loss. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your emotions lead you down a precarious path. Focus on trust, honesty and hard work. A practical approach will help you avoid a costly error. Impulse is the enemy, so slow down. Refuse to give in to emotional blackmail. ✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take part in community or family events. Share your thoughts and expand your interests. A creative idea you have can lead to good fortune. Pleasure trips are highlighted along with romance and updating your appearance and image. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A guarded approach to what you are doing will help you avoid interference. Follow your gut feeling when dealing with personal matters. Emotional deception is apparent, making it essential to trust in you and you alone. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make changes that will improve your standard of living. Apply for a better position or make a residential move that will help you build your assets. Take a passionate approach to relationships. Let go of the past and initiate positive change. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional disillusionment will lead you down the wrong path. You cannot save everyone and must refrain from giving too much in an attempt to make an impression. An unexpected change in your relationship with a friend, colleague or relative will be costly. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can get what you want if you approach your goals with integrity and innovation and are able to offer something that is impossible to refuse. Use your intelligence, and you will come up with the perfect plan to get ahead. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pay close attention to what's going on around you. A creative idea you have will pay off financially. Be careful when dealing with sensitive issues. Someone is likely to start an argument if you take sides or voice your opinion. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, unique and resourceful. You are quick, sensitive and generous.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 9/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/26

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By DAVID OUELLET

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JVA No. 14-039

Opening Date: Monday, September 29, 2014
Closing Date: Friday, October 10, 2014

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(Electrical)

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POSITIONS : One (1).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of journey level experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of journey level experience are to be performing electrical duties. At least one (1) of the four (4) years must include leading a crew. Graduation from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an electrician. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Mathematics for Technicians. Skill in: Preparing daily schedules, prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Trouble shooting; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level operations and maintenance in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-042

Opening Date: Monday, September 29, 2014
Closing Date: Friday, October 10, 2014

Trades Technician
(Operator)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Install new plant and equipment. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Performs preventative maintenance in service area assigned. Maintains level of supplies and equipment. Performs control room operations and load dispatch. Monitor and balance generator and feeder loads. Start up and synchronize generator sets. Monitoring lubrication oil and fuel consumption. Check and monitor engine oil and cooling water temperatures and pressures. Check and monitor bearing, exhaust gas and charge air temperatures. Record readings and report generator and feeder trips to plant management. Prepare switching programs and coordinate distribution line switching for plant and field staff. Monitoring loads on feeders and generators. Incinerating used oil and carry out SPCC plan routine work. Perform preventive maintenance and overhauls on plant and equipment. Troubleshoot and rectify faults on plant and equipment. Test and calibrate equipment. Condition monitoring and routine testing of generators, transformers and motors. Perform housekeeping duties. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.

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POSITIONS : Five (5).
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant and (B) those 4 years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing operator duties. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. Skill in: Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in assigned service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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SALARY : $17,282 to $25,059 per annum.
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In copycat NBA, can Spurs cats be copied?

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

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In this June 15, 2014, file photo, San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) celebrates after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals in San Antonio.

The unselfishness, the ball movement, the cohesion, the stability.

The San Antonio Spurs have long been the envy of the NBA, the league's model franchise and one of the standard setters in all of professional sports for sustained success.

As training camps across the league start opening this weekend, the line of teams trying to duplicate their model has never been longer. The Spurs are returning as champions for the fifth time in their history, with no run more impressive than the one they put on in last year's postseason that ended with them dismantling the two-time defending champion Miami Heat and dethroning King James.

That performance further validated the Spurs' long-held approach to team building and strengthened their influence on the league around them. But what teams have discovered over the years as they try to uncover San Antonio's secret to success may be more demoralizing than the beatings they receive from Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili: In a copycat league, the Spurs may be copy-proof.

Coach Gregg Popovich and general manager R.C. Buford have become masters at roster construction, combing the globe to find not always the most talented players, but the players that will fit their system the best. Owner Peter Holt has established a power structure that makes it clear that the authority lies with Buford and Popovich and not with the players. The Spurs' All-Star trio has sacrificed some financial gain to stay together in a smaller market.

"They've been together 12 years," Suns coach Jeff Hornacek said of the Spurs' Big Three. "It'd be great to have that San Antonio pattern, but I'm not sure it's ever going to happen again because you've got a guy like Tim Duncan, who has taken less money. Ginobili took less money, Tony Parker has taken less money and it's allowed them to do other things to bring those pieces in.

"If you can find guys to do that, then you've got a chance. But I think that's getting harder and harder."

Like any of the best teams, there are multiple reasons the Spurs have been able to stay at or near the top for so long. But Popovich typically points to one above all others, as he did during last season when asked for the secret formula.

"Yes, there is. Get the No. 1 pick in the draft every 10 years and make sure that it's a franchise player. That's the formula," he deadpanned. "That's how lucky you have to be. You've got David (Robinson) for a decade and then Timmy comes. Well, I think most anybody could build around that."

Ask around the league, and they agree. Duncan is the superstar who doesn't have eyes for a bigger market, who doesn't mind being coached hard in practice, who doesn't care if his stats aren't on top of every NBA leaderboard.

"The real key is can you find that kind of person that will allow you to build your culture like that?" Milwaukee Bucks GM John Hammond said. "I think a lot of people are trying to copy that."

"What people want to copy is the philosophy," Timberwolves coach and president Flip Saunders said. "We're all trying to do that. We're all trying to play great basketball. Your main guy is the guy that sets the tone for that. In every organization that is successful, they all have that one guy that can do that. And they also have the guy that is a dominant player, that can dominate and take you where you need to get, whether it's scoring down the stretch, defending down the stretch, whatever you need to do."

Forever and ever, Duncan has been that guy. But he's also found willing sidekicks in Parker and Ginobili who are on the same page. That combination, coupled with Popovich's game-planning and Buford's tireless scouting give the Spurs elite talent at every level of the organization.

Yet for all of the Spurs' lasting success, they had gone seven years without winning a title before last season. That allowed some in the league to wonder if the Spurs Way was still working as well as it had when they won three championships in five years from 2003-07.

Their dominant run last season ended any of those whispers, and has some old-school basketball aficionados hoping that a new day is upon the league.

Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas said he thinks the NBA faced a problem beginning in the 1990s, when its game was no longer marketed and promoted as a team sport.

"With San Antonio winning, I'm hoping we will go back to promoting teams and the concept of team play, which we all saw was such a beautiful way to watch the game and explore the game and see the game," Thomas said. "Even though they had exciting individual plays within the contest, the team play and the beauty of team philosophy definitely, in my opinion, is much more appealing the eye to watch than just the individual dominance."

LeBron, Cavs begin road to possible championship

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)—LeBron James threw his right arm around Kevin Love and rested the other on Kyrie Irving's shoulder.

They laughed, smiled and posed for photos—together.

And that's how they plan to win an NBA championship.

The trio of All-Stars, aligned this summer to bring a title to title-deprived Cleveland, took their first steps as new teammates Friday as the Cavs held their media day to tip off a season they hope ends with the city's first pro sports championship since 1964, when the Browns ruled the NFL.

Wearing a No. 23 wine-and-goal Cavs uniform again, a subdued James, much more mature and business-like than the player who left for Miami four years ago, talked about his focus in trying to add a third title to the two he won with the Heat.

And while the Cavs instantly became title favorites when James announced he was coming back in July, the four-time MVP understands there will be immense pressure on him to deliver—and that nothing is guaranteed.

"I still have a lot to prove because of expectations I put on myself," James said. "I ask more of myself than anybody can ever ask of me. My expectations are still high, but I am more patient now than I was four years ago. I understand what it takes to win a championship. I understand winning a championship is the hardest thing you could ever do. I've been two up and two down in four years.

"I went from crying tears of joy to tears of frustration. I know it all. I know what it takes."

The Cavs credentialed more than 300 media members for the first public appearance of Cleveland's "Big 3" and TV crews from Germany, Japan and Brazil were among the throng that invaded the team's training facility. The team set up an outdoor tent to accommodate the overflow of reporters.

If Day One was any indication, the Cavs are in for quite a ride.

Photographers swarmed around James everywhere he went and when he Irving and Love united for group shots, cameras whirred like the red carpet at the Academy Awards.

"It's definitely a surreal experience," Irving said of having James and Love as teammates.

James was the first to be interviewed, and he barely cracked a smile as he discussed his plans for the season ahead. Only when he spoke about his two sons, and the influence they had on his return to Northeast Ohio did James' mood lighten.

As it turns out, LeBron James Jr. and Bryce James paved the way for their dad's return.

"I asked them first," James said. "I didn't explain it to them; they explained it to me. I was like, `What do you think about daddy going back home to play? "They were like, `Home? You're talking about Cleveland?' I was like, `Yeah.'"

James didn't realize his boys had it all figured out.

"It was like, `OK, you get to play with Kyrie Irving?' I was like, yeah," James said. "They were like, `We getting to go back home to our house and getting back to my old school and my old friends?' I was like, yeah. They were like, `OK, you can do it.' And that's how it went."

James also explained his recent weight loss—he went on a strict two-month diet—was a personal challenge.

"It had nothing to do with basketball," he said. "I'm 29 years old, and I can still fly above the rim. I don't need to lose weight to do that."

James is returning to a Cavs team that went only 33-49 last season, and missed the playoffs for the fourth year in a row. Not only does he need to adjust to new teammates, but James will play for David Blatt, a successful international coach whose first job in North America is to take this talent-laden squad to the finals.

"Let's get it on," Blatt said. "Let's go. I want to get it started."

Blatt has already learned that nothing will be the same for the Cavs on or off the court. They've been transformed from irrelevant to the hottest ticket in the NBA. Blatt arrived at work Friday and realized everything had changed.

"I couldn't find a parking place," he joked.

One of Blatt's first objectives will be getting his team to mesh, and he knows it will take time. Patience was the buzz word of the day.

Blatt, too, understands having James makes things easier.

"It's an enormous advantage when your best player and arguably the best player in the world is your best example," Blatt said. "When he comes to work every day, you know you're going to get his maximum effort and maximum performance. When he walks into the gym, he lifts everyone up."

For James, his homecoming with the Cavs is a chance to finish what he started. He carried Cleveland to its only finals appearance in 2007, but now the stakes are higher.

This time, a championship isn't just a goal, it's expected.

"I'm a guy that my expectations are still high because I believe in this team and what we can ultimately get to," James said. "But I also understand it won't be easy and we can't try to play November and get to June or May right now. We have to go November to December and the rest of the calendar year to even have a chance."

Santiago's slam sends Reds over Pirates, 10-6

AP

Cincinnati Reds' Devin Mesoraco (39) is tagged out at home plate by Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Chris Stewart in the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates' NL Central chances were hurt when Todd Frazier had a tying two-run homer in the seventh inning and Ramon Santiago hit a grand slam in the 10th, powering the Cincinnati Reds to a 10-6 victory on Saturday.

Pittsburgh started the day a game behind first-place St. Louis, which played at Arizona later. The Pirates have already clinched at least a wild card and would host that game on Wednesday.

John Axford (0-1) walked Frazier to open the 10th and gave up Chris Heisey's single and another walk with one out. Left-hander Bobby LaFromboise relieved, retired Bryan Pena on a shallow fly out, then gave up Santiago's first career grand slam.

Dylan Axelrod (2-1) retired the side in the top of the 10th.

Diamondbacks 5, Cardinals 2

In Phoenix, Mark Trumbo homered twice and Arizona prevented St. Louis from clinching the NL Central title.

The Cardinals secured at least a tie for the division crown when Pittsburgh lost to Cincinnati earlier Saturday, but they need to win or have the Pirates lose on Sunday to finish alone in first place.

Trumbo's three-run shot off Seth Maness (6-4) broke a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning. Trumbo hit a solo drive in the first in his second multi-homer game in six days. David Peralta also had a solo shot in the first.

Randal Delgado (4-4) pitched three scoreless innings of relief to get the win. Addison Reed worked a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 38 tries.

The Cardinals, losers of four of six, scored on a sacrifice fly and wild pitch.

Twins 12, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Eduardo Escobar had a homer, four hits and a career-high six RBIs, and Minnesota ensured that the AL Central race will come down to the very end with a rout of Detroit.

The Tigers entered with a one-game lead over second-place Kansas City, but the Tigers fell short of clinching. Minnesota scored six runs in the fifth. Escobar and Eric Fryer both hit two-run singles during that big rally, and Escobar added a three-run homer in the eighth.

Rookie Kyle Lobstein (1-2) allowed six runs in 4 2-3 innings for the Tigers.

Ricky Nolasco (6-12) allowed two runs and five hits, including a solo homer by Detroit's Nick Castellanos in the second.

The Tigers have secured a postseason spot, but the division will still be in doubt when they send David Price to the mound Sunday against Minnesota in Game 162.

White Sox 5, Royals 4

In Chicago, Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer, and the Chicago White Sox kept Kansas City out of first place in the AL Central.

Kansas City clinched at least a wild card spot on Friday.

Danny Duffy (9-12) lasted only two innings for the Royals. He allowed four runs, five hits and one walk. The White Sox jumped on him, scoring three runs in the first inning. Abreu capped the rally with his 36th home run.

Abreu broke a 31-year-old franchise record for the most homers in a season by a rookie, previously held by Ron Kittle. They are the most by a rookie since St. Louis' Albert Pujols hit 37 in 2001.

White Sox catcher Josh Phegley homered in the second and seventh innings for the first career multihomer game.

John Danks (11-11) pitched seven solid innings to earn his first home win since June 17.

Mariners 2, Angels 1, 11 innings

In Seattle, the Mariners stayed in the AL playoff race, forcing the chase down to the final day when Austin Jackson barely beat a double-play relay in the 11th inning to edge the Los Angeles Angels.

Seattle moved within one game of Oakland for the second AL wild-card spot. Mariners ace Felix Hernandez will start against the AL West champion Angels on Sunday, the last scheduled day of the regular season.

Brad Miller hit a one-out double in the Seattle 11th off Mike Morin (4-4) and Chris Taylor's short fly to center fell in for a single, sending Miller to third.

Jackson, who had twice previously been the third out in innings when Seattle stranded runners on third, hit a grounder to second.

The Angels got the forceout at second, but the relay throw was a shade late as the speedy Jackson crossed the bag.

Dominic Leone (8-2) pitched the 11th to earn the win.

Rangers 5, Athletics 4

In Arlington, Texas, Oakland stalled in its bid to clinch an AL wild-card spot, losing to last-place Texas on home runs by Jake Smolinski and Robinson Chirinos.

Oakland couldn't take advantage of the first chance to clinch a playoff spot by itself, even though trade deadline pickup Jeff Samardzija (5-6) faced spot starter Scott Baker after Derek Holland was a late scratch with a migraine headache.

The Rangers used eight pitchers to beat the A's for the fifth time in six games since last week. Spencer Patton (1-0), the fourth reliever, earned his first major league win, and Neftali Feliz notched his 13th save.

The A's have the second-worst record in the majors since they were 11 games up in the wild-card race and four games ahead of the AL West-winning Angels on Aug. 10. They've lost eight of their last 12.

Josh Donaldson and Josh Reddick had three hits apiece for Oakland, including singles in a two-run eighth that ended with Alberto Callaspo's fly ball that was caught by Smolinski at the wall in right field with two runners on base.

Red Sox 10, Yankees 4

In Boston, Derek Jeter went 1 for 2 with an infield single and left for a pinch hitter in the fifth inning. Even he wasn't going to pull the Yankees out of this hole in the next-to-last game of his 20-year big league career.

Boston chased Masahiro Tanaka during an eight-run second inning that backed Joe Kelly, and the Red Sox beat New York.

After sitting out Friday night's series opener following his emotional Yankee Stadium finale the previous night, Jeter returned to his usual second spot in the lineup but as the designated hitter, not the shortstop. He received standing ovations before each at bat as fans chanted "De-rek Je-ter! De-rek Je-ter!"

Tanaka (13-5) allowed seven runs—five earned—in 1 2-3 innings, the shortest of his 20 starts with the Yankees.

Kelly (4-2) allowed four runs in seven innings.

Blue Jays 4, Orioles 2

In Toronto, Jose Reyes had two hits and two RBIs, J.A. Happ won consecutive starts for the first time since late May and the Blue Jays beat the AL East champion Orioles.

Happ (11-11) allowed two runs and four hits in 6 1-3 innings for his first winning streak since posting three straight victories from May 15 to May 25.

Casey Janssen got three outs for his 25th save in 30 chances.

Left-hander Wei-Yin Chen (16-6), expected to start the second game of the division series against Detroit or Kansas City next week, allowed three runs—two earned—and five hits in six innings.

Nationals 5, Marlins 1

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg took over the league lead in strikeouts and gave up only two hits through six scoreless innings in his final tuneup ahead of his first postseason, helping the NL East champion Nationals beat Miami.

Strasburg (14-11) spotted his fastball at 97 mph and mixed in breaking balls that confounded a Marlins lineup missing the injured Giancarlo Stanton. Strasburg finished with seven strikeouts—giving him 242, three more than Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers—and one walk.

Strasburg also was credited with an RBI in the second, when Harper charged home from third and slid headfirst ahead of the tag after Strasburg bunted off Nathan Eovaldi (6-14).

Dodgers 6, Rockies 5, 12 innings

In Los Angeles, Scott Van Slyke scored the winning run on Franklin Morales' wild pitch in the 12th inning, and the Los Angeles Dodgers edged Colorado.

The Dodgers (93-68) have won four straight, including an NL West-clinching victory over San Francisco on Wednesday. They are locked into the league's No. 2 playoff seed.

Colorado's bullpen retired 18 straight, a stretch that spanned from the sixth inning until the 12th.

Van Slyke singled with one out, advanced to second when Tim Federowicz was hit by pitch, stole third and came home on Morales' wild pitch.

Carlos Frias (1-1) pitched three scoreless innings for Los Angeles for his first major league win.

Morales (6-9) took the loss for Colorado (66-95), which has dropped three straight.

Giants 3, Padres 1

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford hit a two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning, leading the Giants over the Padres.

Crawford, one of just two Giants regulars in the starting lineup, was hitless in three at-bats until his broken-bat single to left off Dale Thayer (4-5) broke a 1-all tie.

Hunter Strickland (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings for his first decision in nine big league appearances. Santiago Casilla worked a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 23 chances.

NFL commissioner visits domestic violence hotline

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Facing criticism about the handling of recent abuse cases, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell spent three hours Saturday night visiting the headquarters of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and getting an up-close look at the realities victims face.

Hotline CEO Katie Ray-Jones, whose organization has received a multiyear, multimillion dollar pledge of assistance from the NFL, described the private meeting as "emotional" for Goodell.

"At one point he was physically moved to tears as he heard stories from our advocates about what women were encountering, that we took today," Ray-Jones said.

Hotline officials had invited Goodell to visit the facility, which is housed in a non-descript, unmarked building in suburban Austin.

"Doing the work, as they say," was all Goodell would say when as he and several league officials walked into the building. He gave a brief wave to cameras when he stepped out of his limousine.

When he left, Goodell was flanked by two hotline staff members and refused to answer questions.

AP
NFL football commissioner Roger Goodell arrives at the headquarters of the National Domestic Violence hotline, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, in Austin, Texas.

Goodell and the league have been heavily criticized over how they handled the recent suspension of Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, who punched his then-fiancee Janay Palmer in the face in an elevator.

The league was criticized as not acting quickly or emphatically enough when handling domestic violence cases and Goodell has said he mishandled the Rice case.

Goodell met with 11 former players this week and was told the league must act immediately when someone is accused of domestic violence.

The hotline was created in 1996 and receives about 70 percent—just over $3 million—of its budget from the federal government and the rest from private donations.

The hotline web page said that as of 2013, the service had helped more than 3.4 million people on issues of domestic violence or dating abuse.

Ray-Jones said the hotline has seen an 84 percent spike in calls since the Rice video punch video was made public, but also noted that tens of thousands of calls go unanswered because the hotline doesn't have enough staff.

Goodell didn't listen to specific calls, but heard the stories related from the victim advocates.

Ray-Jones said Goodell did not discuss any specific policies the NFL may put in place for domestic violence.

"He mentioned they are very committed to understanding the issue further, and that he has a team of advisers who will continue to inform him on those policies," Ray-Jones said.

Initially, Goodell suspended Rice—who has since married Palmer—for two games. After criticism, Goodell announced new stiffer penalties for future domestic violence cases. After video of the punch was released, the Ravens cut Rice and Goodell suspended him indefinitely.

League and Ravens officials said they requested the video from law enforcement but were denied. ESPN and others have reported that the Ravens had a detailed description of the video shortly after Rice was arrested.

After the AP reported that the video was sent to NFL headquarters, Goodell announced that former FBI Director Robert Mueller would lead an internal investigation. That probe is ongoing, and there is no timetable for its completion.

FIESTA

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cut the deficit to 1, 68-69, 4.9 seconds left on the clock.

Shirley's then attempted for the quick inbound with Usi getting the pass from Erick Dela Rosa and heading for a breakaway, but the play was halted as the team had earlier told officials it will call a timeout if Esdrelon makes the second free throw.

Shirley's was eventually charged with a timeout and when the game resumed, it committed its biggest error of the season. Angel Catungal did the inbound at the right sideline just a few steps away from midcourt, while the rest of his teammates lined up near the free throw area. Usi then got out of the formation to get the ball and was followed by Jared Matsutaro and Lerio Pagarao, while other Shirley's players also moved closer to Usi's spot instead of going to the unmanned deep right sideline or the open left side of their court. The shooting guard managed to receive the leather, but he was on the danger zone—near midcourt—and was cornered by the two Fiesta defenders. Usi eventually lost possession when Matsutaro reached in for the steal and Pagarao picked up the loose ball, going straight to the basket for the dagger. With Fiesta now ahead in the remaining .5 of a second of the game, Sean Rabasto threw up a prayer after Shirley's inbound play, but his shot was way too short.

It was a sorry loss for Shirley's, which worked its way back into the game after trailing by as much as 14 early in the third quarter, 41-27. A backbreaking 18-2 scoring run in seven minutes allowed Shirley's to turn the tables on Fiesta in the third canto. Rabasto and Dela Rosa teamed up in the recovery, combining for 12 points in that rally to put Shirley's on top, 45-43. Shirley's went on to increase the lead to 8, 52-44, with Catungal, Ariel Drilon, and Usi also hitting their shots, but Fiesta weathered the storm and finished the last two minutes of the third with an 8-0 run to even up the count. Pagarao and Adonis Macoto scored 4 points each to force the standoff.

The game remained close in the fourth quarter with Pagarao carrying Fiesta on his shoulders and Rabasto doing the same for Shirley's. Rabasto scored 7 straight points for Shirley's in the fourth, while Pagarao scattered 9, including the breakaway fastbreak basket that broke the hearts of Shirley's fans, who outnumbered Fiesta supporters.

Pagarao top-scored for Fiesta with his 31 points, 13 of them came in the second quarter to help his team build a double-digit lead, 39-27, after hanging on to a 1-point cushion after the first canto, 14-13. Esdrelon chipped in 14. Rabasto paced Shirley's with his 19 points while Dela Rosa and Usi added 14 and 11, respectively.

Fiesta 70 – Pagarao 31, Esdrelon 14, Macoto 6, Quizon 5, Matsutaro 2, Galag 2, Lavarias 2

Shirley's 69 – Rabasto 19, Dela Rosa 14, Usi 11, Aguilar 6, Drillon 6, Catungal 4, Sedillo 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-13, 39-27, 52-52, 70-69.

WRESTLING

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before shifting to MMA, said they are willing to form a team that will compete in various off-island competitions once the sport returns.

"We already have a stable of MMA fighters ready and they are well versed in wrestling. I think it will be an easy transition and we just have to learn some of the rules and apply it during competition," Alvarez added.

"Once wrestling finds its way back to Saipan, we can definitely get a handful of guys in different weight classes. And I'm sure coach Joe [Ocampo] will come back out and be happy to help explain all the rules and regulations of the sport."

Ocampo is busy with work at the Transportation Security Administration at the Francisco B. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

"Coach Joe is a busy man but he drops by at the Trench Tech Gym to check up on us. It is just a matter of timing and I believe everything will fall into place."

ASIA FLOW

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to Westphal, claimed the Men's Pro Flowboard crown with a 44.5-point effort.

Babauta was a close second with 40.2-point, while Christo Mojar finished third with 39.2. Westphal placed fourth (38.1).

Ichihara topped the first and second heats with 42.1 and 47.2 points, respectively, in the top bracket, while Westphal registered 46.2 and 43.8 markers in the other group to earn automatic finals berths.

Mojar needed to show his best form to beat Shu Ohara (43.9-32.7), while Babauta duplicated the feat when he eliminated Kato (38.3-31.1) to secure the two remaining finals spots.

Mojar and Babauta had identical 40.5-point efforts in the first heat.

Mineyuki Seita (27.4) and Nate Kaipat (27.3) were the other contestants in the Men's Pro Flowboard.

Kato bounced back to win the Men's Masters Bodyboard title with 33.6 points while South Korean Heechul Ryou (25.1), and the Japanese duo of Tadashi Yoshida (35) and Kenji Tokado (23.2) finished second, third, and fourth, respectively.

Hiroshi Ono (31.9) and Jin Woo Kim (23) also competed in the Men's Masters Bodyboard event.

Saipan's Reymark Castro was the top rider in the Men's Open Bodyboard division with 42.5 points followed by Minkyu Ryou (41.4), Mark Caacbay (40.5) and Jin Woo (39.4) from second to fourth, respectively.

Jae Won Kim (41.1). Ryou (35.1) and Hyun Woo Jo (31.4) were the top three finishers in the Kids Bodyboard, while Vova Prokopenko of Russia (38.4), Ryou (37.0) and Yuzuka Nishimura (18) duplicated the feat in the Grommets Bodyboard.

Kaoru Nishimura (40.8), Junko Seto (26.0) and Katie Norman (22.3) finished 1-2-3 in the Pro Women's Flowboard.

Seto rebounded in the Pro Women's Boyboard and Women's Masters Bodyboard events by besting hard-fighting Eun Ok Choi of South Korea in their head-to-head match up.

Seto scored 41.5 and 32.3 in the Pro Women's Bodyboard and Women's Masters Bodyboard against Choi's 35.5 and 28.3 points.

Nishimura topped the Women's Open Bodyboard with 32.5 points beating Mika Fukuda (28), Norman (17.8) and Onuki (13.6).

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East Division

x-Washington	95	66	.590	—
Atlanta	78	83	.484	17
New York	78	83	.484	17
Miami	77	84	.478	18
Philadelphia	73	88	.453	22

Central Division

z-St. Louis	89	72	.553	—
z-Pittsburgh	88	73	.547	1
Milwaukee	82	79	.509	7
Cincinnati	75	86	.466	14
Chicago	72	89	.447	17

West Division

x-Los Angeles	93	68	.578	—
y-San Francisco	87	74	.540	6
San Diego	77	84	.478	16
Colorado	66	95	.410	27
Arizona	64	97	.398	29

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

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Ol'Aces gets second win in U21 division

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The Ol'Aces notched their second win in the U21 division of the 2014 BANMI Youth League after outclassing the G-Rollers, 47-38, last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces built enough of a lead in the first half and halted the G-Rollers' third-quarter rally to remain undefeated in the division and share the lead with the idle Kagman Sparks. G-Rollers dropped to a 0-2 record.

The co-division leaders enjoyed a 20-point halftime lead, 34-14, after holding the G-Rollers to single digits in scoring in the first two quarters. Center Jimmy Tudela used his height advantage to score 6 early points in the paint, as he nearly matched the G-Rollers total points and lifted the Ol'Aces to a 14-8 advantage

Tudela was then limited to a field goal in the second canto, but the rest of his teammates stepped up to pad their lead, 34-14. Four Ol'Aces players drained at least two field goals apiece, while three others contributed one each. While the Ol'Aces seemed to have no problems running their offense, the G-Rollers still struggled to find their targets, as they made only 6 points in the second canto off one basket each from Jomar Danas, Lawrence Deleon Guerrero, and Prince Factor.

The Ol'Aces' lead ballooned to as much as 24 in the opening minutes of the third quarter before Factor and Arciaga teamed up in the fight back. An Arciaga triple cut the deficit to 10, 30-40, and the G-Rollers had a chance to move within 8 off Irvin Malonzo's charities in the closing seconds of the third, but he muffed both. The Ol'Aces then countered with a fastbreak play, as Karlo De Leon sprinted to their court after Malonzo's second miss and fed Wilfredo Francisco down the baseline for the basket that stretched their lead to 12.

The Ol'Aces protected the double-digit lead in the first half of the fourth canto with the G-Rollers opting not to start Factor and Arciaga in the payoff period after anchoring the team's recovery in the third. With their main gunners out, the G-Rollers were stuck to 30 points for a while and were without a field goal in the first eight minutes of the fourth. The G-Rollers had only two free throws in that drought off Factor and Malonzo's splits, while the Ol'Aces got 3 from Ezra Caro's pair and Jasper Yap's one free throw to keep their safe distance.

The G-Rollers finally hit their first field goal under the two-minute mark when Factor stole an inbound pass and went strong to the basket. However, he was too late the hero, as the Ol'Aces were still up by 11, 45-34, and time was not on the G-Rollers' side. The league implements a running time with the clock stopping at the 2-minute mark in the first three periods and the last three in the fourth. However, the G-Rollers seemed not aware of this rule, as they took too much time making inbound plays every time the game was reset or when getting to the foul line.

The Ol'Aces seemed oblivious to the running time rule, too and were once called for 5-second violation in the inbound play in the fourth quarter as no player from the floor stepped out to the sideline to restart the game. However, the faster clock worked to the Ol'Aces advantage as they were protecting the double-digit lead in the entire second half.

Ol'Aces 47 – Tudela 8, Babauta 7, Yap 7, Sanchez 6, San Nicolas 4, Darag 3, Mendoza 3, De Leon 2, Suarez 2, Caro 2, Francisco 2.

G-Rollers 38 – Factor 11, Arciaga 7, Danas 4, Babauta 4, L. Deleon Guerrero 2, Sacramento 2, Rios 2, Malonzo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 14-8, 34-14, 42-30, 47-38.

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The Ol'Aces Jimmy Tudela, right, challenges the shot of the G-Rollers' Lawrence Deleon Guerrero during the second quarter of their U21 game in the BANMI youth caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Magic 8 Ball cuts Hustlers' lead

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The Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball bounced back from a stinging loss to Route 33 Armatech to somehow cut the Hustlers' lead in the 2014 Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday Billiards League.

The Magic 8 Ball used a 12-3 decision over the Jokers Homeboyz, but the Hustlers managed to keep the lead after posting an 11-4 victory against the Barcode Breakers.

Wins by Chester Cuento, Rick Elefante, Rodel Dela Cruz, and Rico Montano against the Homeboyz's Nolan Cultura, Jeff Garcia, Joshua Woodson, and George Lizardo in the first set of singles events set up the one-sided contest.

Cesar Sangalang in the singles and the doubles pair of Joey Lucido and Cultura prevented the shutout when they defeated Rey Hermogenes and Elefante, and the duo of Cuento and Primo Jebehn.

But Smoke Pub's bid of reclaiming the top spot was doused by Armatech's 10-5 win over the Breakers.

Defeats by Oscar Sablan, Rowel Mariano, Robert Sanciangco, and the doubles tandem of Simeon Kapileo and Senen Pangilinan failed to dampen the Hustlers' mood.

The Hustlers now have a 57-33 slate followed closely by Magic 8 Ball's 54-36 record. Wild Bill's (49-41) and the Homeboyz (46-44) remain in title contention but need to pile up some wins in order to catch the league-leading Armatech crew.

The Poseidon Titans (44-46), National Alamo Car Rental (42-48), Breakers (39-51). and the Jhonny's Team SCS (29-61) complete the standings.

In other games, National Alamo Car Rental pulled off a 10-5 win over the Titans, while Wild Bill's edged Team SCS, 9-6.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of Wild Bill's and Jhonny's SCS are in a celebratory mood before their match in the 2014 Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday Billiards League.

Hell of Marianas set for Dec. 6; sponsors wanted

The 8th Annual Hell of the Marianas will hit the road on Dec. 6 and the organizing Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation is requesting for support from the business community.

So far, the race has five supporters in title sponsors T Galleria and Pacific Trading, Co., platinum sponsors Mariana Resort & Spa, Triple J Wholesale/Hertz/Triple J Enterprises, and co-presenting sponsor Marianas Visitors Authority.

"With a little more than two months until race day, the event still needs additional sponsorship to cover prizes/raffles and volunteers including course marshals, aid station volunteers, and drivers for support vehicles," said race director Dino Manning in a press statement forwarded to *Saipan Tribune.*

This year's contest is offering $5,000 (total) with the big chunk of the cash prize going to the Top 3 finishers in the men's and women's pro road bike divisions. Riders from Japan, Korea, Russia, and Guam are expected to battle for the total pot, while a few local riders are likely to join the race, which has been stretched from 100 kilometers to 102.

"We'll have a revised race course which is actually longer than previous years at 102km. This year's race course is newly redesigned to emphasize the beauty of our island. Starting and finishing at the scenic Mariana Resort & Spa, participants can take pleasure in the natural splendor of the jungles, sea and cliff lines," Manning said.

Besides the cash prizes for the top finishers, organizers will also be handing out prizes to the person who will come at the race with a costume, the rider who can guess his time right, and the fastest corporate team (composed of four riders). Additionally, MVA and NMICF will give prizes to riders who are the fastest to reach the event's hot spots, which will be spread around the course.

Meanwhile, aside from the corporate relay division, this year's Hell of Marianas will still have the two-person, three-person, and four-person team categories.

Registration is ongoing with entry forms available at the event's website www.hell-of-the-marianas.com. Registration fee is only $60 per person (individual or team) and deadline for registration is set for Nov. 28. Registration fee after Nov. 28 is $85. Online registration will be offered, soon.

For more information, contact Manning at 989-9870 or send email to nmicycling@gmail.com. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

JON PEREZ
Bikers negotiate the course in the "What the Hell," which was a prerace for this year's Hell of Marianas.

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Fiesta steals title from Shirley's

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Fiesta Resort & Spa dealt Shirley's Coffee Shop a heartbreaker after escaping with a 70-69 win in the winner-take-all finale in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Fiesta stole the championship as Shirley's Coffee Shop squandered a 3-point lead in the last 6.8 seconds and committed a costly turnover in an inbound play in the final 4.9.

Shirley's went up 3, 69-66, as Rommel Usi went 3-for-4 from the foul line in their next two possessions, while Fiesta muffed several attempts under the one-minute mark of the final canto. After Usi made his second charity, Fiesta rushed the ball and the former gave up a foul on Esdrelon, thinking Shirley's had fouls to give. However, Usi's foul sent Shirley's to the limit (5) and brought Esdrelon to the line for a pair of charities. Esdrelon made both to

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Fiesta Resort & Spa's Jared Matsutaro pulls up for a jumper in front of Shirley Coffee Shop's Josephus Aguilar, left, and Erick Dela Rosa during the third quarter of their title game in the Tan Holdings caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Group plans to revive wrestling in CNMI

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Trench Tech founder Cuki Alvarez said the same group that has promoted wrestling is planning to revive the Olympic sport in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Alvarez, whose now into mixed martial arts by organizing events and training fighters, said that he's been talking with Joe Ocampo and Jason Tarkong to once again promote Greco-Roman and freestyle forms of wrestling.

He added that some of MMA's moves—like grappling and submission fighting—take its roots from wrestling.

"When is the only question that we have to settle since we have to start again somewhere. A lot of MMA fighters here first learned about grappling and submission, which are the basic moves of wrestling," said Alvarez.

Alvarez, who also competed in wrestling tournaments

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Alvarez

Babauta, Ichihara hold fort in Asia Flow Series

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Local bets Ray Babauta and Keoni Ichihara held their own against a host of competitors that included a strong Japanese contingent to rule the Pro Men's Bodyboard and Flowboard events in the 2014 Asia Flow Series held over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club-Saipan in San Antonio.

Babauta and Ichihara wowed the judges with their smooth moves, combinations and stunts to clinch berths to the 2014 Series Finals set from Oct. 3 to 4 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Dan Westphal, who placed fourth in the Men's Pro Flowboard, will also represent the CNMI in Bangkok after winning last year's competitions.

Suzuki Yu, Men's Masters Bodyboard champion Tatsuo Man Kato, and Pro Women's Bodyboard fourth place finisher Sayuri Onuki are also Thailand-bound and will be representing Japan.

Babauta tallied 45.3 points to beat Yu and in the process dislodged last year's champion Francis Hartman, who finished third.

Yu garnered 41.6 points to edge out Hartman (41.2) for second place in the three-cornered finals.

Hartman was the top seed after easing his way into the finals after finishing first in the qualifying round with 44 points.

Babauta finished second with 41.8 points, while Suzuki came in third with 39.5 points.

Ichihara, runner-up last year

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JON PEREZ
Rey Babauta, left, and Keoni Ichihara show their winning moves to rule the Pro Men's Bodyboard and Men's Pro Flowboard events of the 2014 Asia Flow Tour held over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club-Saipan.